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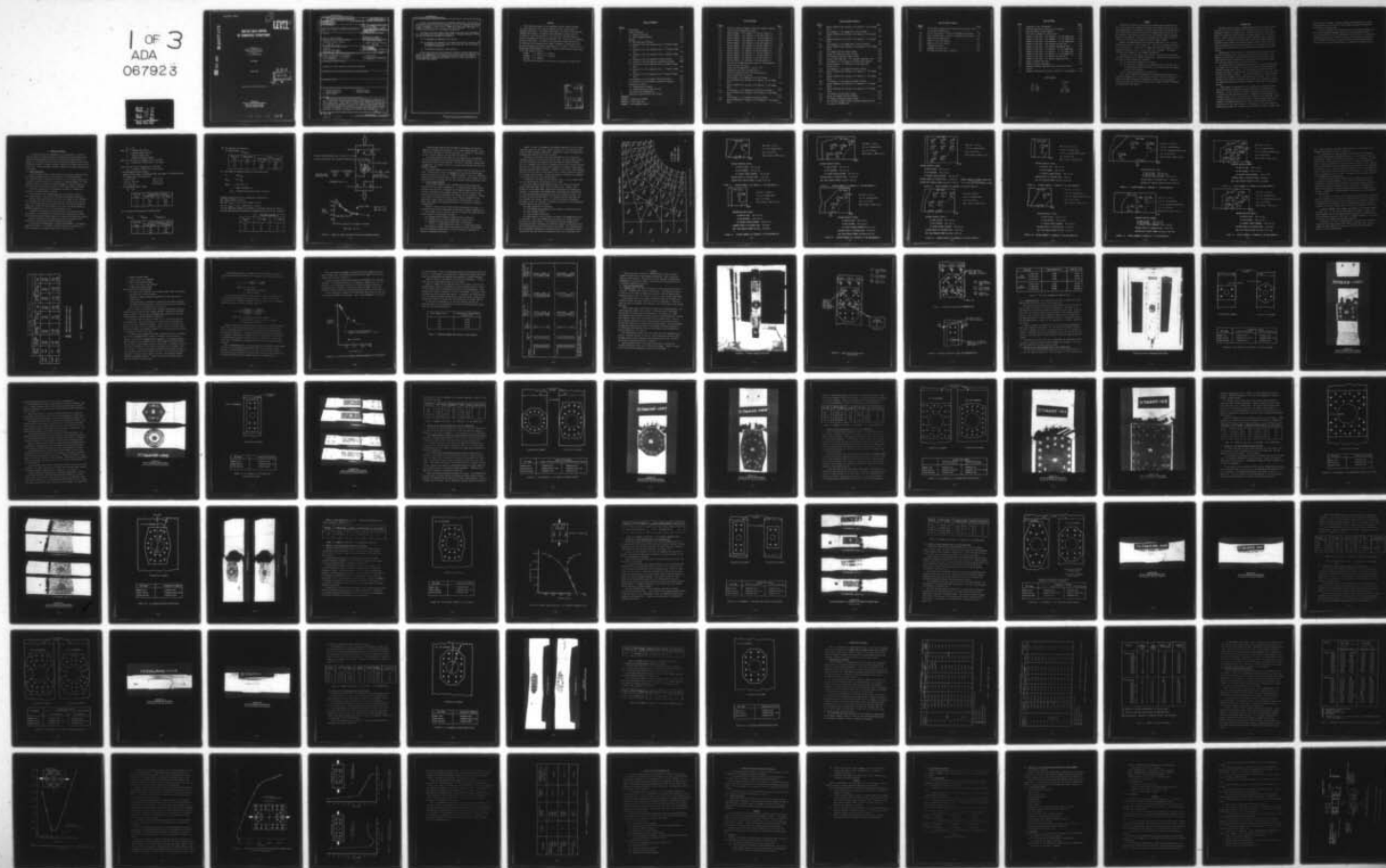
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### SUMMARY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Structural repairs applied to damaged graphite/epoxy structures usually have been in the form of graphite/epoxy reinforcements either cocured or secondarily bonded over damaged areas. Materials utilized in these repairs require refrigerated storage and heat and vacuum equipment for processing. Also, to insure structural reliability, bonded composite repairs require application in a relatively clean environment. Field-type composite repairs performed without benefit of autoclave pressures and heat sources must not only be configured for structural effectiveness, but must take into account utilization of available tools and personnel probably unfamiliar with composites.

Emerging Navy fleet aircraft are using graphite/epoxy structures which consist of relatively thick composite skins bolted to substructure. The laminates are designed for high strength and operate at low strain levels. These features allow consideration of mechanically fastened metal patches, which are particularly suited to field level repair.

An earlier MCAIR investigation demonstrated that significant improvement in strength levels of damaged skin panels can be achieved with mechanically fastened titanium repair plates. The investigation, intended primarily to evaluate the effects of edge distance in a hole-damaged fuel cell, also served to develop a sealing technique. The strength attained by the repaired panel specimen was 57% greater than the unrepaired panel strength. Thus, it was believed that mechanically fastened repair plates can be designed to replace the damaged material and re-establish strength, in addition to providing fuel sealing.

Specifically, the objective of this program was to develop and demonstrate mechanically fastened field repair techniques for graphite/epoxy laminates. The work consisted of design, fabrication, and testing efforts, in conjunction with supporting analyses. Through-the-thickness damage consisting of holes 1.0, 2.5, and 4.0 inches in diameter were considered. Since a design allowable strain of 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  at design ultimate load was the baseline for undamaged laminates, recovery of an equivalent strain was a primary goal for the repair concepts. Misalignment of the repair patch by maintenance personnel not familiar with the reference systems or primary load

paths was also considered. Finally, repairs and repeatability of results were demonstrated on 3/16 and 1/2 inch thickness specimens representative of AV-8B and F-18 wing covers.

This final technical report describes the work performed during the 12-month period ending 30 September 1978 under Contract N62269-77-C-0366. A detailed discussion of all work accomplished under the contract is presented including repair designs, analyses, test data, in addition to conclusions and recommendations related to program results and their implications for future work in the area of field repairs of graphite/epoxy wing structures.

## 2. TECHNICAL APPROACH

The repair concepts were designed in a two-step process. The first step was based on a coarse approach of determining how many fasteners were required and configuring repair plates to contain the required number of fasteners. The second step was to build finite element models of the initial designs and adjust the original designs to improve the strain patterns in the repair area. Design adjustments included changes in the number and relocation of fasteners.

### 2.1 DESIGN & ANALYSIS

Since the patches must be easily applied in the field, composite patches and bonded attachments were not considered for the following reasons:

(1) Precured composite patches are difficult to fit to a wing contour, and a composite patch could itself be susceptible to handling damage. (2) Bonding must be done in a relatively clean environment to insure a quality repair, and this is difficult to attain on a fuel-soaked wing in the field.

Therefore, metal patches and fasteners were chosen. Titanium was selected to preclude galvanic corrosion.

The outer patch was a standard gage, and thick enough to accept a flush head fastener. The edges were beveled for aerodynamic smoothness.

Internal backing plates were used to hold nut plates for the fasteners, and when necessary these backing plates were thick enough to carry load as well. All backing plates were inserted from the outer surface through the damage hole, within the depth confines of the wing. The AV-8B wing has a minimum working depth of 6 in. The F-18 wing has 2.5 in.

In addition to restoring structural integrity, the repairs provided fuel sealing. To accomplish this, fasteners with O-ring seals were used. The patch-to-wing-skin faying surfaces can be coated with sealant at assembly.

Screws with plate nuts were selected so that, in the event a leak should occur, the patch can be easily removed and resealed.

For the initial determination of fastener requirements, the following approach was taken: (1) Determine the load carried in the parent skin (panel laminate) at the design strain level of 4000  $\mu$ in./in.



$$N_x = \epsilon Et$$

where  $N_x$  = running load (lb/in.)  
 $\epsilon$  = material strain (in./in.)  
 $E$  = Young's modulus (psi)  
 $t$  = Material thickness (inches)

Since  $E$  for the 3/16 in. laminate is  $9.05 \times 10^6$  psi:

$$N_x = (.004)(9.05 \times 10^6)(.1872) = 6770 \text{ lb/in.}$$

Since  $E$  for the 1/2 in. laminate is  $10 \times 10^6$  psi:

$$N_x = (.004)(10 \times 10^6)(.4784) = 19150 \text{ lb/in.}$$

o For unrepaired failure strains:

Based on YAV-8B tests of unrepaired flaws (Ref Figure 2-1) failure strains for damage sizes to be tested are:

1 in. dia. hole	3200 $\mu$ in./in.
2-1/2 in. dia. hole	2100 $\mu$ in./in.
4 in. dia. hole	1750 $\mu$ in./in.

o For unrepaired failure loads:

$$N_x = \epsilon Et$$

HOLE SIZE (INCH)	FAILURE LOAD, $N_x$ (LB/IN)	
	3/16" PANEL	1/2" PANEL
1.0	5420	15300
2.5	3550	10050
4.0	2960	8370

(2) For splice loads required in repair patches:

$$N_{x_{\text{splice}}} = N_{x_{\text{parent}}} - N_{x_{\text{unrepaired}}}$$

HOLE SIZE (INCH)	SPlice LOAD $N_{x_{\text{splice}}}$ (LB/IN)	
	3/16" PANEL	1/2" PANEL
1.0	1350	3850
2.5	3220	9100
4.0	3810	10780

(3) For the load to be spliced:

$$P = (\text{Panel width}) (N_{x_{\text{splice}}})$$

HOLE SIZE (IN.)	PANEL WIDTH (IN.)	P (LB)	
		3/16" PANEL	1/2" PANEL
1.0	3-1/2	4725	13480
2.5	5	16100	45500
4.0	8	30480	86240

(4) For number of fasteners required in the repair patch:

$$N = 2P/P_{\text{bolt}}$$

$$P_{\text{bolt}} = d t F_{\text{br}_u}$$

Where  $d$  = bolt dia, in.

$t$  = panel thickness, in.

$F_{\text{br}_u}$  = ultimate panel bearing stress, 50,000 psi

Fasteners selected are 1/4 in. sealing head titanium screw.

Bolt shear strength is 4660 lb.

For 3/16",  $P_{\text{bolt}} = (.25) (.1872)(50,000) = 2340 \text{ lb}$

For 1/2",  $P_{\text{bolt}} = (.25) (.4784)(50,000) = 5980 \text{ lb}$

(5) The first-pass estimate of the number of fasteners required for each of the hole sizes and panel thicknesses is summarized below for 1/4 in. fasteners:

HOLE SIZE (in.)	FASTENERS REQUIRED, N	
	3/16" PANEL	1/2" PANEL
1.0	6	6
2.5	14	16
4.0	28	30

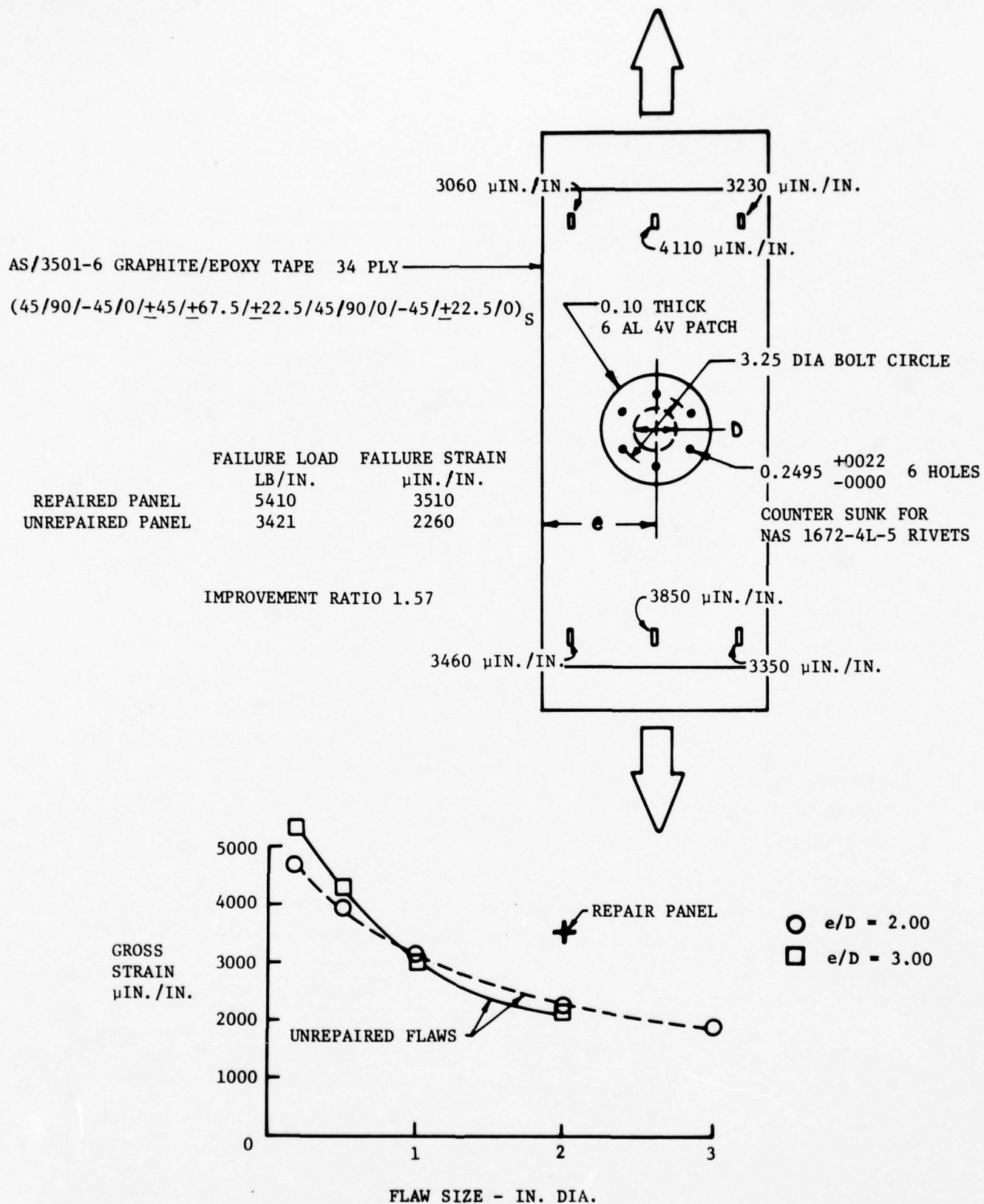


FIGURE 2-1 EFFECTS OF FLAWS AND REPAIR ON WING SKIN LAMINATE SPECIMEN

Initial design concepts were developed to incorporate the required numbers of fasteners indicated above. For a second design approach, other concepts were developed for repairs using 5/16 in. fasteners. This allowed the use of fewer fasteners and different bolt patterns.

The titanium patches were made from the thinnest stock size material which could accommodate the countersunk sealing head fasteners. For 1/4 in. fasteners a 0.140 in. patch was used. The 5/16 in. fasteners required 0.160 in. material. All fastener holes in the patches were defined with close fit  $+0.003$   $-0.000$  tolerances.

The backing plates for the 3/16 in. laminates were not required to carry load. Therefore thin (0.040) titanium material was used and the fastener holes were defined with loose fit  $+0.006$   $-0.000$  tolerances. The 1/2 in. laminates required structural backing plates to prevent excessive bolt bending. For these repairs 0.140 in. backing plates and close tolerance fastener holes were used.

## 2.2 FINITE ELEMENT MODELING

In the detailed analysis stage, NASTRAN finite element models were developed for each repair configuration. The NASTRAN finite element models utilized flat anisotropic rectangular and triangular elements for the panels, isotropic rectangular and triangular elements for the repair patches and back-up plates, and one-dimensional beam elements for the fasteners. Bending of the panel and patches was ignored, and the repair configuration was idealized as planar "sheets" interconnected by flexible beams. In this manner, the complex three-dimensional behavior of the joint was reduced to two-dimensions.

Figure 2-2 shows a typical finite element idealization of a panel. A relatively coarse finite element mesh was utilized to minimize modeling costs.

The strength criteria initially used for the repairs were taken from the YAV-8B composite wing development program:

- (a) Maximum average bearing in composite skin = 50,000 psi
- (b) Maximum strain at edge of damage hole = 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$
- (c) Maximum bolt loads within rated limits of bolt used.  
(1/4 in. = 12,800 double shear; 5/16 in. = 19,300 double shear)

The preliminary design concepts were analyzed in detail using NASTRAN and, when indicated, modifications in either the number of fasteners or geometric arrangements were made.



Figures 2-3 thru 2-14 summarize the NASTRAN predictions for the internal loads and strains for the repair concepts selected for the various hole diameter and panel thickness combinations. Appendix A contains the engineering drawings which describe the patches in detail.

The strain at the edge of the hole was assumed to be the same as the centroidal strain of the element at the hole edge. The bolt stiffness values used for the analyses were obtained from the empirical formula of Voight, Ref. (2). Fasteners in the 3/16 in. laminates with 0.140 or 0.160 in. patches and 0.040 in. thick back-up plates were assumed to be loaded in single shear (back-up plate holes were oversized). Fasteners in the 1/2 in. thick laminates with the 0.140 or 0.160 in. patches and 0.140 in. back-up plates were assumed to be loaded in double shear. Fastener clearance was assumed to be negligible in all parts except the 0.040 backing plates.

In addition to the models of the repaired panels, a finite element model was also constructed for an unrepaired 1.00 in. hole.

The finite element models indicated that each of the repair concepts should exceed the target strain level of 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  However, once testing of the specimens began, substantial discrepancies were immediately observed. In particular, the NASTRAN models overestimated the load reacted by the patch while underestimating the strain at the edge of the hole. At the time this was discovered most of the specimens had been fabricated and were scheduled for testing. However, to aid in the design of remaining specimens, a study was undertaken to determine the causes of the discrepancies between predicted and actual behavior.

The study considered the following:

- (a) The NASTRAN underestimation of the strain at the edge of the hole
- (b) Bolt clearance effects
- (c) Bolt stiffness predictions

The underestimation of the strain at the edge of the damage hole was due to two causes. First, the NASTRAN analysis predicts the average strain at the centroid of each element. In the elements around the damage hole no correction was made to determine the difference between the centroidal strain and the maximum strain at the free edge of the element. This difference was later calculated by plotting the centroidal strains of the elements along the centerline of the hole and then extrapolating the curve to the edge of the

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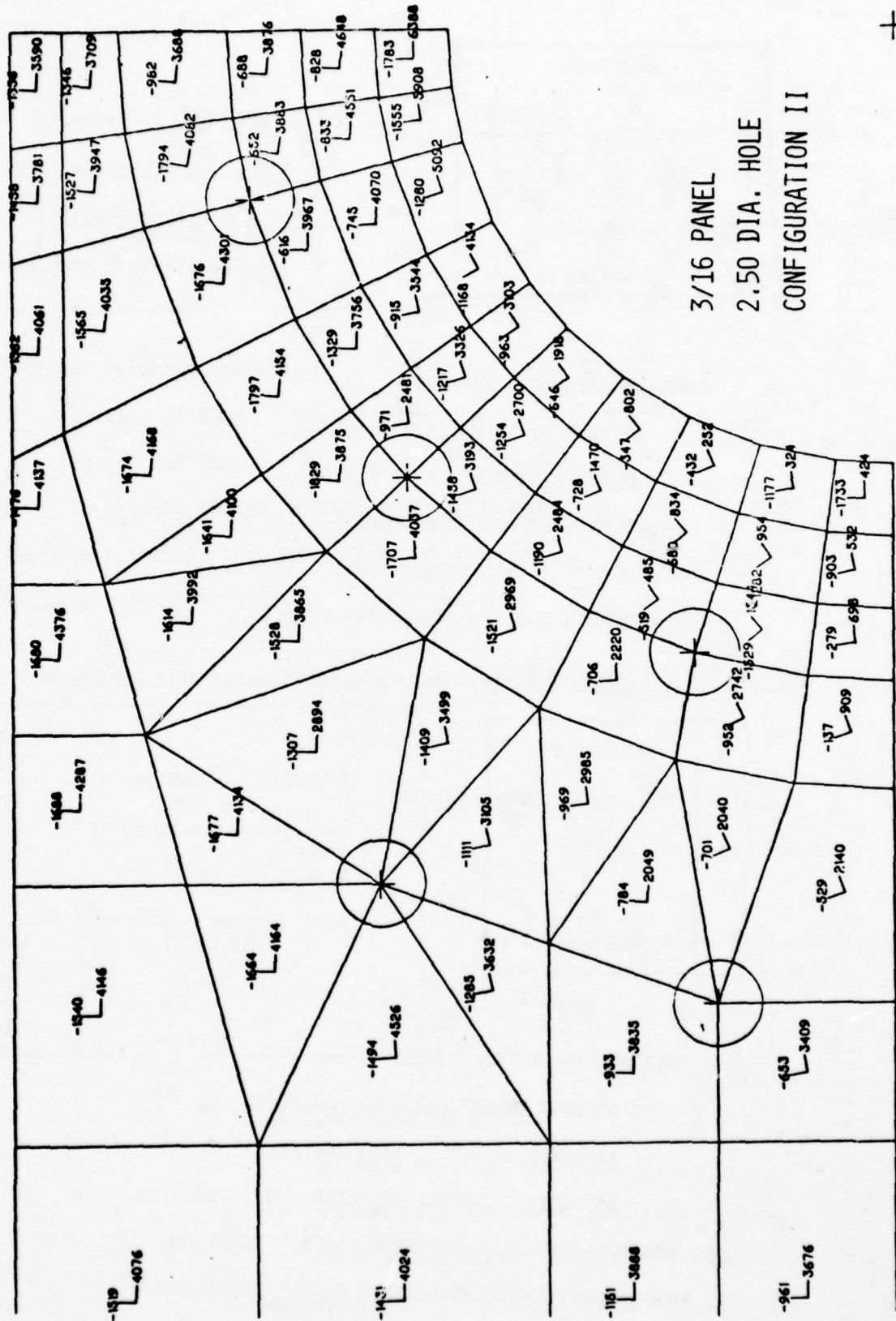
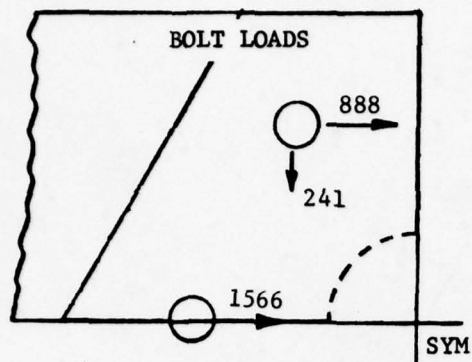


FIGURE 2-2 TYPICAL FINITE ELEMENT REPAIR MODEL



Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.

0.14 in. Titanium Patch

$N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 6783  $\mu$ in./in.

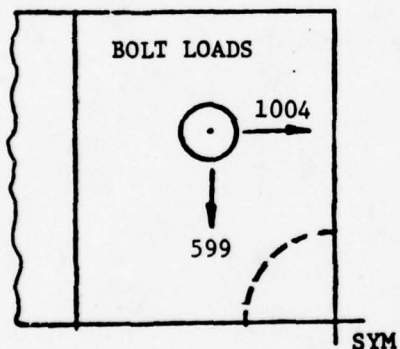
AT ANY FASTENER 4752  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3747  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 14,050 psi

MAXIMUM BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 33,460 psi

FIGURE 2-3 NASTRAN SUMMARY - 3/16 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1



Bolt Dia. = 5/16 in.

0.16 in. Titanium Patch

$N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 8147  $\mu$ in./in.

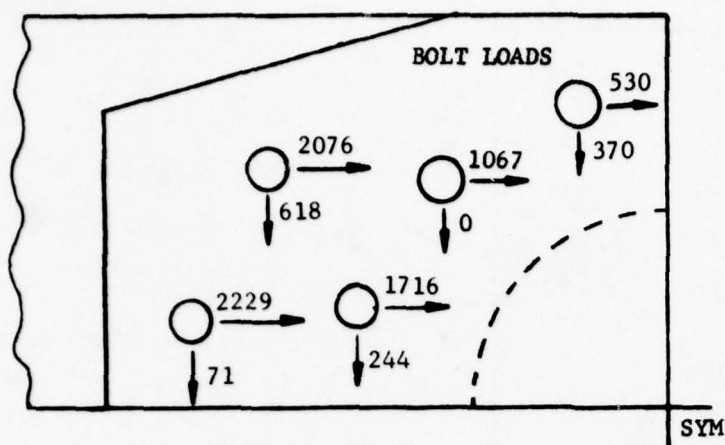
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AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 5239  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 8500 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 20,000 psi

FIGURE 2-4 NASTRAN SUMMARY-3/16 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2



Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.  
 0.14 in. Titanium Patch  
 $N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.  
 Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 6388  $\mu$ in./in.

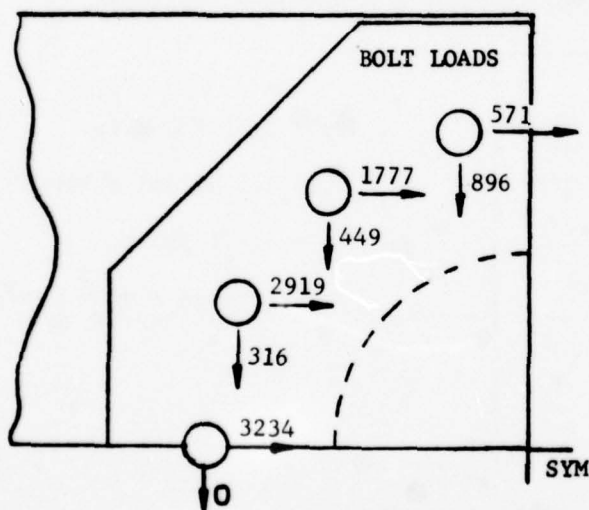
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AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3835  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 17,530 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 47,650 psi

FIGURE 2-5 NASTRAN SUMMARY-3/16 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1



Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.  
 0.14 in. Titanium Patch  
 $N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.  
 Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 7960  $\mu$ in./in.

AT ANY FASTENER 5681  $\mu$ in./in.

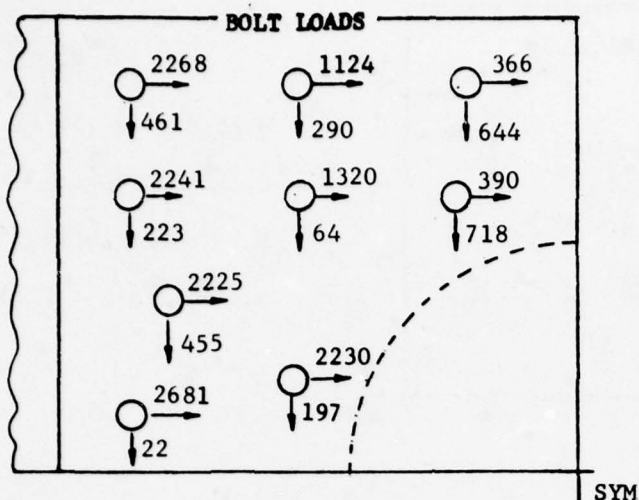
AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3646  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 25,160 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 69,100 psi

FIGURE 2-6 NASTRAN SUMMARY-3/16 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2





Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.

0.14 in. Titanium Patch

$N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 5504  $\mu$ in./in.

AT ANY FASTENER 4448  $\mu$ in./in.

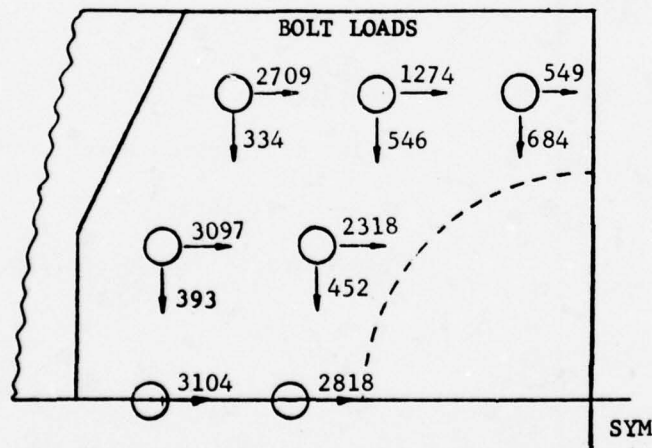
AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3548  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 22,906 psi

AVERAGE STRAIN AT HIGHEST LOADED BOLT  
= 2588  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 57,286 psi  $\therefore$  AT 57,286 fbru AV-8B CRITERIA IS MET.

FIGURE 2-7 NASTRAN SUMMARY-3/16 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1



Bolt Dia. = 5/16 in.

0.16 in. Titanium Patch

$N_X = 6,777$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 5975  $\mu$ in./in.

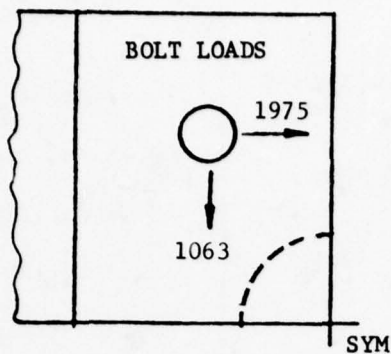
AT ANY FASTENER 5025  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3770  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 22,924 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 53,350 psi

FIGURE 2-8 NASTRAN SUMMARY-3/16 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2



Bolt Dia. = 5/16 in.

0.16 in. Titanium Patch

0.14 in. Titanium Backing Plate

$N_X = 19,150$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 8076  $\mu$ in./in.

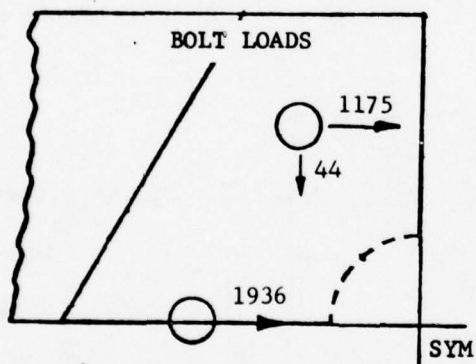
AT ANY FASTENER 5700  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 5700  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 6888 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 14,350 psi

FIGURE 2-9 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1



Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.

0.14 in. Titanium Patch

0.14 in. Titanium Backing Plate

$N_X = 19,150$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

#### MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN

AT EDGE OF HOLE 7978  $\mu$ in./in.

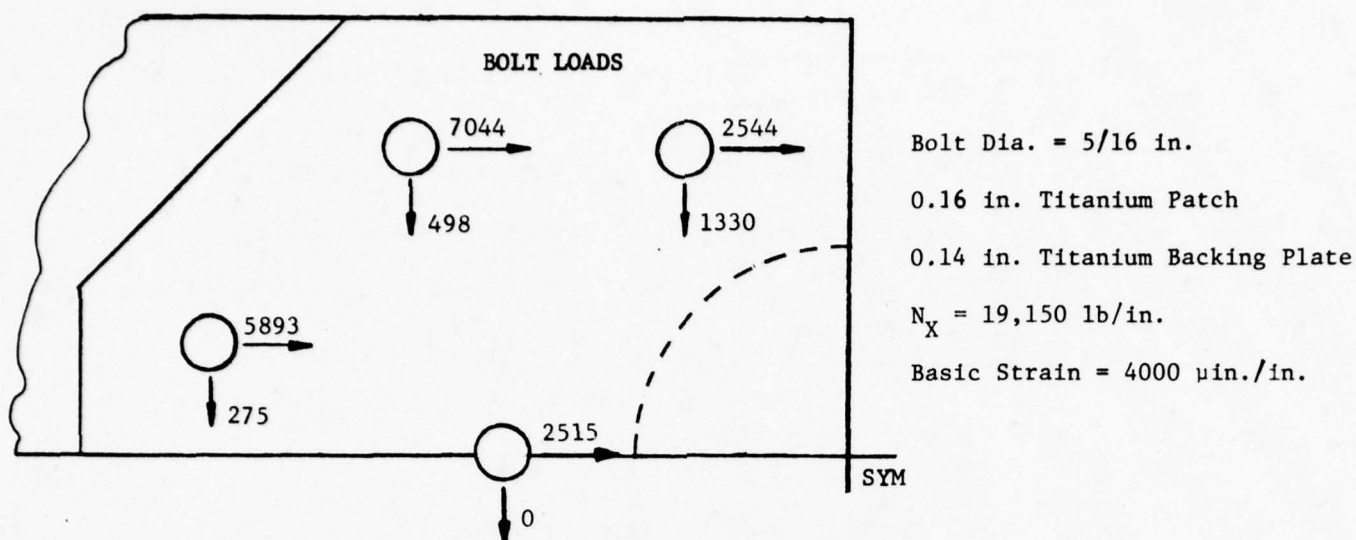
AT ANY FASTENER 4758  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3013  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 11,900 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 15,488 psi

FIGURE 2-10 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2



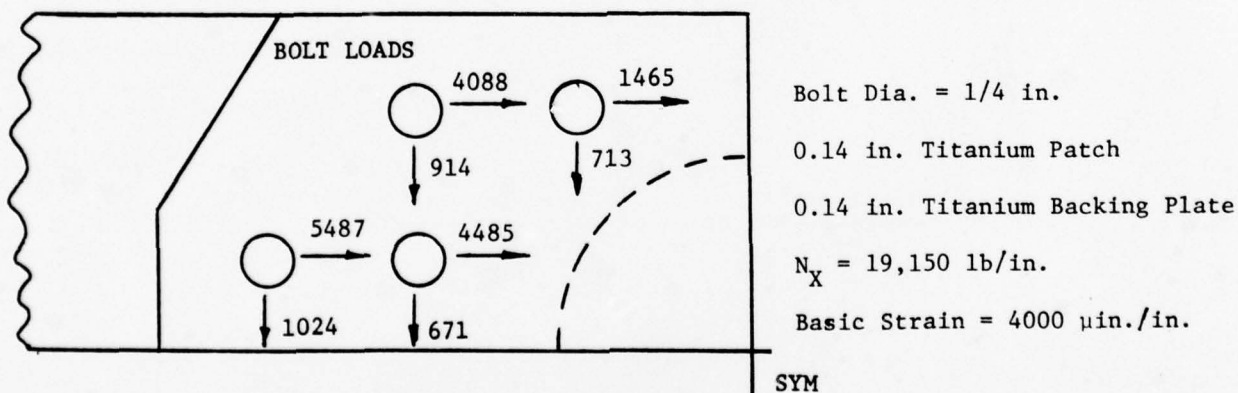
**MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN**

AT EDGE OF HOLE 6927  $\mu$ in./in.  
 AT ANY FASTENER 5042  $\mu$ in./in.  
 AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 4936  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 38,000 PSI

MAXIMUM BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 45,080 PSI

**FIGURE 2-11 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1**



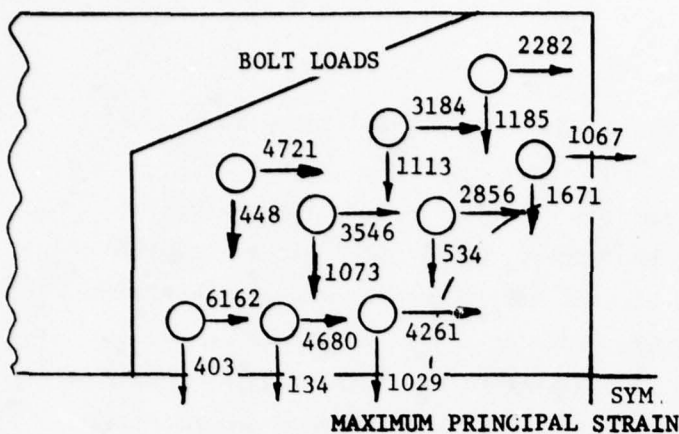
**MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL STRAIN -**

AT EDGE OF HOLE 9791  $\mu$ in./in.  
 AT ANY FASTENER 5334  $\mu$ in./in.  
 AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER - 5334  $\mu$  IN/IN

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 32,416 PSI

MAXIMUM BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 44,653 PSI

**FIGURE 2-12 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2**



Bolt Dia. = 1/4 in.

0.14 in. Titanium Patch

0.14 in Titanium Backing Plate

$N_X = 19,150$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

AT EDGE OF HOLE 7639  $\mu$ in./in.

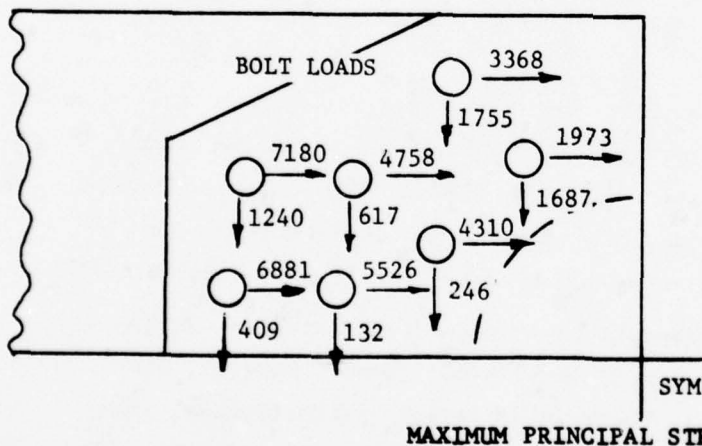
AT ANY FASTENER 5190  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 3737  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 54,304 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 51,565 psi

FIGURE 2-13 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #1



Bolt Dia. = 5/16 in.

0.16 in. Titanium Patch

0.14 in. Titanium Backing Plate

$N_X = 19,150$  lb/in.

Basic Strain = 4000  $\mu$ in./in.

AT EDGE OF HOLE 7527  $\mu$ in./in.

AT ANY FASTENER 5658  $\mu$ in./in.

AT HIGHEST LOADED FASTENER 4302  $\mu$ in./in.

MAXIMUM STRESS IN TITANIUM PLATE 41,632 psi

MAX. BOLT BEARING STRESS IN Gr/Ep 49,172 psi

FIGURE 2-14 NASTRAN SUMMARY-1/2 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA HOLE REPAIR #2



hole. These corrections typically resulted in about a 25% increase in the maximum strains shown in Figure 2-3 thru 2-14.

The second reason for underestimation resulted from the coarseness of the finite element mesh surrounding the cutout. This could not be resolved without major changes to the finite element model. As an example, the finite element model for an unrepaired 1.00 in. hole in a 3/16 in. laminate predicts a strain concentration factor at the edge of the hole of 3.04. However, the exact theoretical strain concentration for the same hole in an infinitely-wide laminate is 3.50, using the solution of Reference (3). Multiplying this times a finite width correction factor of 1.20, Reference (4), the theoretical strain concentration factor is 4.20, or 38% greater than initially predicted by the NASTRAN finite element model.

Fastener clearance effects can also lead to differences between the predicted and actual performance. This is because the laminate must be preloaded to a certain strain level before the fasteners become effective in transferring load from the laminate to the repair patch. NASTRAN cannot handle the nonlinearity created by gapping between the hole boundary and the fastener. Consequently, NASTRAN tended to overestimate the effectiveness of the repair patch.

Bolt stiffness is important in determining the effectiveness of the repair concept. Therefore, it is vital for an exacting analysis of the specimens, to have a method for predicting the bolt stiffness for the different combinations of laminate and patch thickness, fastener material and diameter, fastener clamp-up, etc., for the single shear or double shear loadings that may occur.

In previous NASTRAN finite element computations, the empirical equation of Voight, Ref. (2), was used for computing bolt stiffness. However, the Voight equations did not distinguish between different bolt materials, predicting identical results for both steel or aluminum fasteners. It also did not account for different head clamping conditions.

To determine the role of these parameters, additional bolt stiffness computations were made, using a more complete method Ref. (5). Table 2-1 summarizes these predictions, along with those obtained using Voight's method, for the following cases:

BOLT STIFFNESS - $K_{\text{bolt}}$ ( $10^{-6}$ lb/in.)									
	Fastener Dia. Inches	Laminate Thickness Inches	Titanium			Steel			
			Clamped Head $\triangle 1$	Free Head $\triangle 1$	$\triangle 2$	Clamped Head $\triangle 1$	Free Head $\triangle 1$	$\triangle 2$	
Single	.250	.189	.538	.226	.516	.688	.241	.516	
Shear	.3125	.50	.519	.405	.731	.664	.400	.731	
		.189	.666	.239	.600	.813	.242	.600	
		.50	.673	.463	.862	.862	.491	.862	
Double	.250	.189	1.008	.927	.966	1.111	1.050	.966	
Shear	.3125	.50	1.153	.842	1.222	1.427	1.069	1.222	
		.189	1.135	1.078	1.214	1.219	1.179	1.214	
		.50	1.479	1.137	1.419	1.762	1.431	1.419	

$\triangle 1$  Computed using method of Ref. (5)

$\triangle 2$  Computed using method of Ref. (2)

TABLE 2.1 COMPARISON OF BOLT STIFFNESSES

- o Single and double shear
- o 3/16 in. and 1/2 in. laminates
- o Steel and titanium fasteners
- o 1/4 in. and 5/16 in. dia fasteners
- o Clamped and unclamped heads

The data shows the following trends

- o For single shear fasteners, with unclamped heads, steel and titanium fasteners have the same stiffness
- o Fasteners in double shear are considerably stiffer than those in single shear.
- o A modest increase in stiffness is possible by using steel fasteners for double shear applications. The same increase can be achieved by use of 5/16 in. fasteners in lieu of 1/4 in.

Table 2.1 shows, for the most part, no dramatic differences in the predictions obtained using the more complete methods. However, the stiffness values in Table 2.1 for the case of unclamped heads were used for all subsequent analyses to keep predictions conservative.

The initial strain criterion of 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  at the hole edge was also reevaluated. This was because such a criterion did not consider the role of hole size in degrading strength. Tensile failure occurs when the strain at the edge of the hole exceeds a critical level. The level of this hole strain depends upon diameter, because of the nonlinear material behavior in a "damage" zone at the hole edge.

The characteristic dimension hypothesis, presented in Ref. (6), assumes that a zone of damaged material forms at the edge of the hole prior to failure. The size of the damage zone is assumed to be a material property and is constant for all diameter holes. Small damage holes therefore have proportionately larger damage zones than large holes. The damage consists of local micro delaminations, fiber failure and matrix micro cracking. This has the effect of yielding the material and therefore eliminates peaking of the hoop tensile stress at the edge of the hole. The stress level remains essentially constant from the edge of the hole to the interface between damaged and undamaged laminate. Failure occurs when the stress state in this area exceeds a critical value.

The tangential stress at a distance (x) from the edge of the hole is approximated using the solution for an open hole in an isotropic plate, Ref. (9):

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_o \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{R+a} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{R+a} \right)^4 \right]$$

where: R = hole radius

a = characteristic dimension

$\sigma_o$  = far-field stress

The critical stress level, at which failure occurs, is invariant for a given material system and ply stacking sequence. Therefore, the gross failure strain of a laminate containing a hole of radius R can be estimated using the results of a baseline damaged laminate:

$$\epsilon = \epsilon^* \left[ \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R^*}{R^*+a} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R^*}{R^*+a} \right)^4 \right)}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{R+a} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{R+a} \right)^4 \right)} \right]$$

where: R\* = hole radius in baseline laminate

$\epsilon^*$  = gross failure strain of baseline laminate

a = characteristic dimension

Figure 2-15 shows the expected strength reduction for AS/3501-6 graphite/epoxy. This curve shows good agreement with available test results from Ref. (1), and shows that for the hole sizes considered, strength reduction between 25% and 50% occur. The average unloaded hole tension failing strain for laminates containing 1/4" diameter holes in AS/3501-6 layups, typical of the AV-8B torque box skins, has been found to be 5200  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  This value can be used to determine the permissible strain at the hole edge for various diameters.

The corresponding strain at the hole edge can be estimated by multiplying 5200  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  by the stress concentration factor for the tensile coupon specimen. Using the equation of Ref. (3) for an open hole in an infinite orthotropic plate, along with the finite width correction factor of Ref. (4), the failure strain at the hole edge was found to be 21,840  $\mu\text{in./in.}$



Using this baseline strength in conjunction with the reduction factors shown in Figure 2-15, the maximum strain levels at the edge of the hole were computed and are shown in Table 2.2.

A simple analytical method was developed for redesign of the remaining specimens. The method was based on the "compliance" concept, Ref. (7), and accounts for the nonlinearity created by fastener clearance in addition to providing accurate estimates of the strain at the hole edge. Failure was predicted when the hole strain exceeded the maximum value shown in Table 2.2.

In the "compliance" approach the in-plane shear lag in both the skin and any reinforcing members was neglected. Also, it was assumed that bolt loads

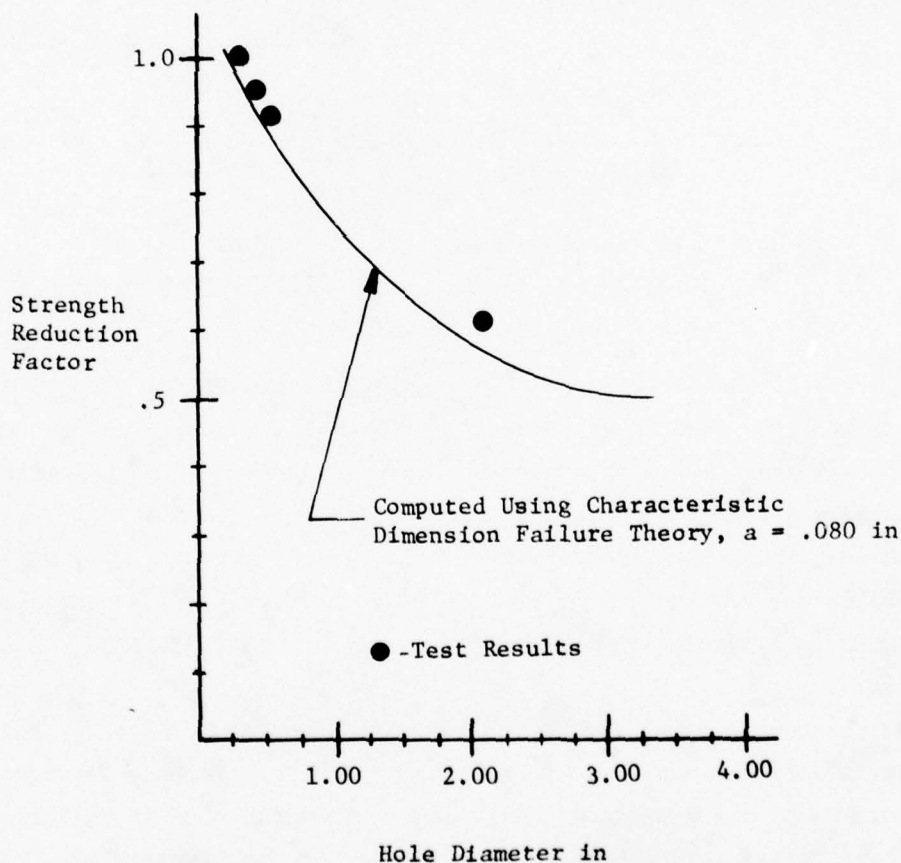


FIGURE 2-15 HOLE SIZE VS STRENGTH REDUCTION FACTOR FOR GR/EP LAMINATES

at a point produce a state of uniform axial stress and deformation across the section. In this manner, it was possible to idealize the-laminate and repair patch as one-dimensional bar members interconnected by flexible fasteners.

Complete details of the approach are presented in Appendix C. Section 4 shows that this method agrees well with test results.

Table 2.3 summarizes the predicted strain at the edge of the hole, the maximum bearing stress in the laminate at a gross laminate strain at failure for all repairs tested, including the follow-on test configurations. In all computations, fastener clearance of 0.002 in. was assumed. Frictional clamp-up between the panel and patch was ignored. In addition, the earlier ground-rule of keeping the maximum bearing stress in the panel below 50,000 psi was relaxed in an effort to increase the load transfer into the repair patches.

No analysis was attempted on the off-axis specimens, because the compliance method is not suitable when coupling is exhibited between inplane shear and extensional deformations.

Hole Diameter (in.)	Predicted Hole Edge Failure Strain $\mu\text{in./in.}$
.25	21,840
1.00	16,380
2.50	11,575
4.00	11,138

TABLE 2.2 PREDICTED MAXIMUM HOLE STRAIN VS. HOLE DIAMETER

SPECIMEN	HOLE DIA INCH	PANEL THICKNESS INCH	PREDICTED HOLE STRAIN @ $\epsilon_o = 4,000$ $\mu\text{in.}/\text{in.}$	PREDICTED MAX. BEARING STRESS @ $\epsilon_o = 4,000$ $\mu\text{in.}/\text{in.}$ psi	PREDICTED GROSS STRAIN AT FAILURE $\triangle$ $\mu\text{in.}/\text{in.}$
75T060105-1001	1.00	3/16	16,632	1,358	3,900
-1003	1.00	↑	15,237	23,132	4,299
-1005	2.50		11,430	39,894	4,051
-1007	2.50		13,320	38,540	3,476
-1009	2.50		$\triangle$	$\triangle$	$\triangle$
-1011	4.00		11,160	50,540	3,992
-1013	4.00		9,540	45,439	4,670
-1015	4.00		8,640	61,715	5,156
-1017	2.50		$\triangle$	$\triangle$	$\triangle$
-1019	1.00		10,440	85,630	6,724
75T060106-1001	1.00	1/2	16,750	598	3,910
-1003	1.00	↑	16,212	9,552	4,041
-1005	2.50		11,593	61,114	4,019
-1007	2.50		13,320	50,288	3,476
-1009	4.00		10,265	55,718	4,670
-1011	4.00		10,374	59,200	4,295
-1013	2.50		$\triangle$	$\triangle$	$\triangle$
-1015	2.50		$\triangle$	$\triangle$	$\triangle$
-1017	2.50		11,340	62,440	4,083
-1019	1.00		13,608	34,721	4,815
-1021	1.00	1/2	15,372	23,500	4,285

$\triangle$  BASED ON HOLE FAILURE

$\triangle$  NOT ANALYZED BY COMPLIANCE MODEL APPROACH

TABLE 2.3 COMPLIANCE MODEL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

### 3. TESTING

Initial tests were conducted to establish which of the two repair concepts performed best in each damage configuration. Each concept was tested in static tension. Subsequent tests were conducted to substantiate repeatability of the better repairs, to evaluate off-axis sensitivity and to determine compression properties.

#### 3.1 TEST SETUP AND PROCEDURES

3.1.1 TENSION TESTS - All tension specimens for this program were tested on a 400,000 lb Baldwin-Lima Universal Test Machine. Load plates were bolted to each end of the repair specimens and attached to the test machine with a single-pin joint at each end. Figure 3-1 shows a typical tension test setup.

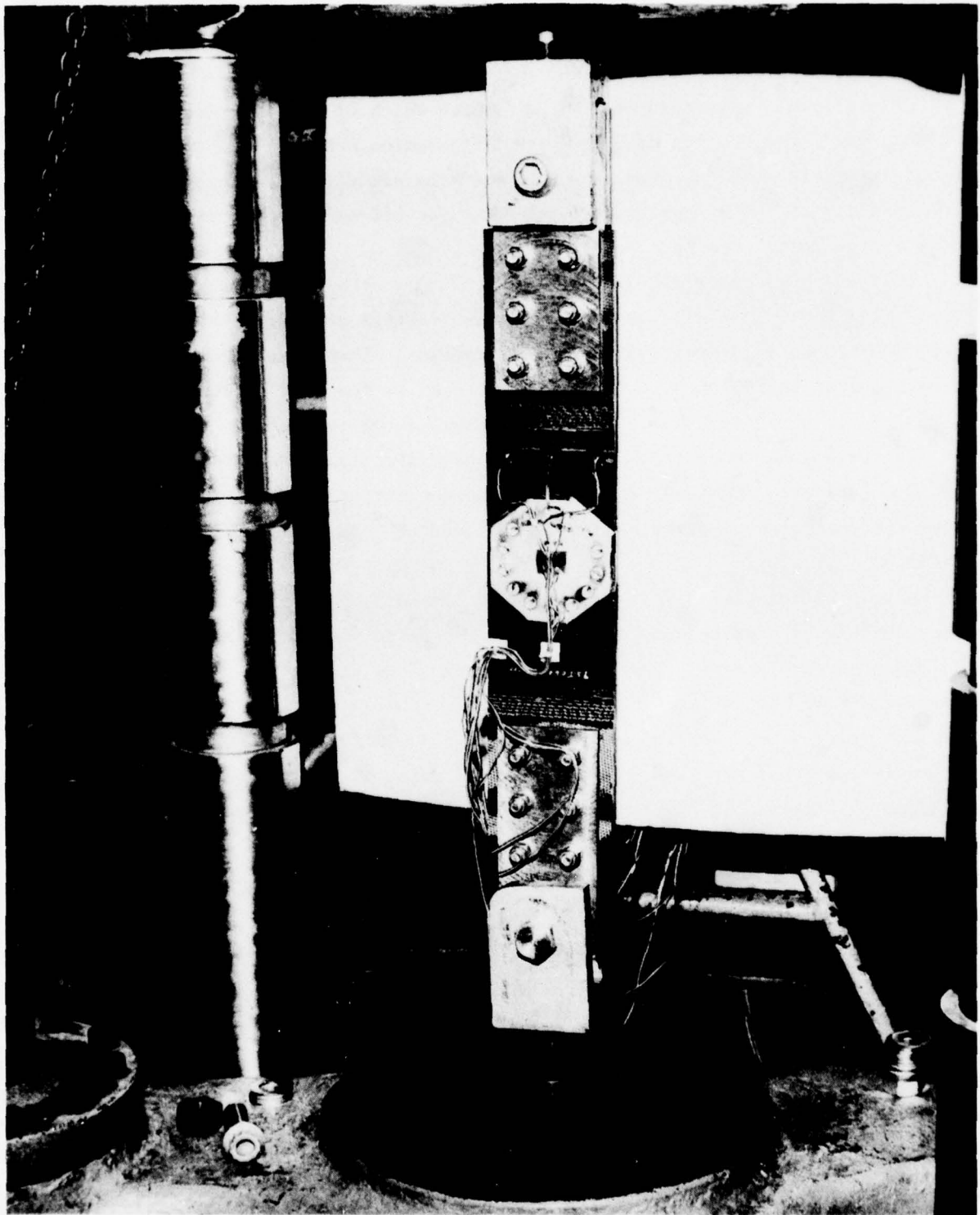
Test specimens were strain gaged in accordance with the 75T060105 and 75T060106 assembly drawings, Figures A-5 and A-6 in Appendix A. Figure 3-2 shows the general arrangement and numbering of the strain gages on the initial specimens.

After initial tests, some changes were made on the instrumentation. The rosette gage was replaced on the center of the patch with an axial gage, and the other two strain gages were eliminated. See Figure 3-3. These extra gages had been intended to record any uneven load distribution. Initial tests however, showed that no significant uneven loading occurs. Some of the re-designed patches used in the follow-on tests did not allow room for the six axial gages used to measure gross laminate strain. On these specimens, two gages were mounted on the edges of the laminate as shown in Figure 3-4. All strain gage data presented later in this report will be identified as shown in Figures 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4.

The specimens were loaded in 10% Test Limit Load (TLL) increments until failure. The load rate was .05 in./min. Strain data was recorded at each increment until the gross laminate strain reached 3000  $\mu$ in./in., at which time data was recorded continuously to failure.

During selected tests in the follow-on test phase, data was also recorded continuously from 0 to the first load increment. Table 3.1 lists the TLL and test load increments for each type of specimen.





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FIGURE 3-1 TYPICAL TENSION TEST SETUP

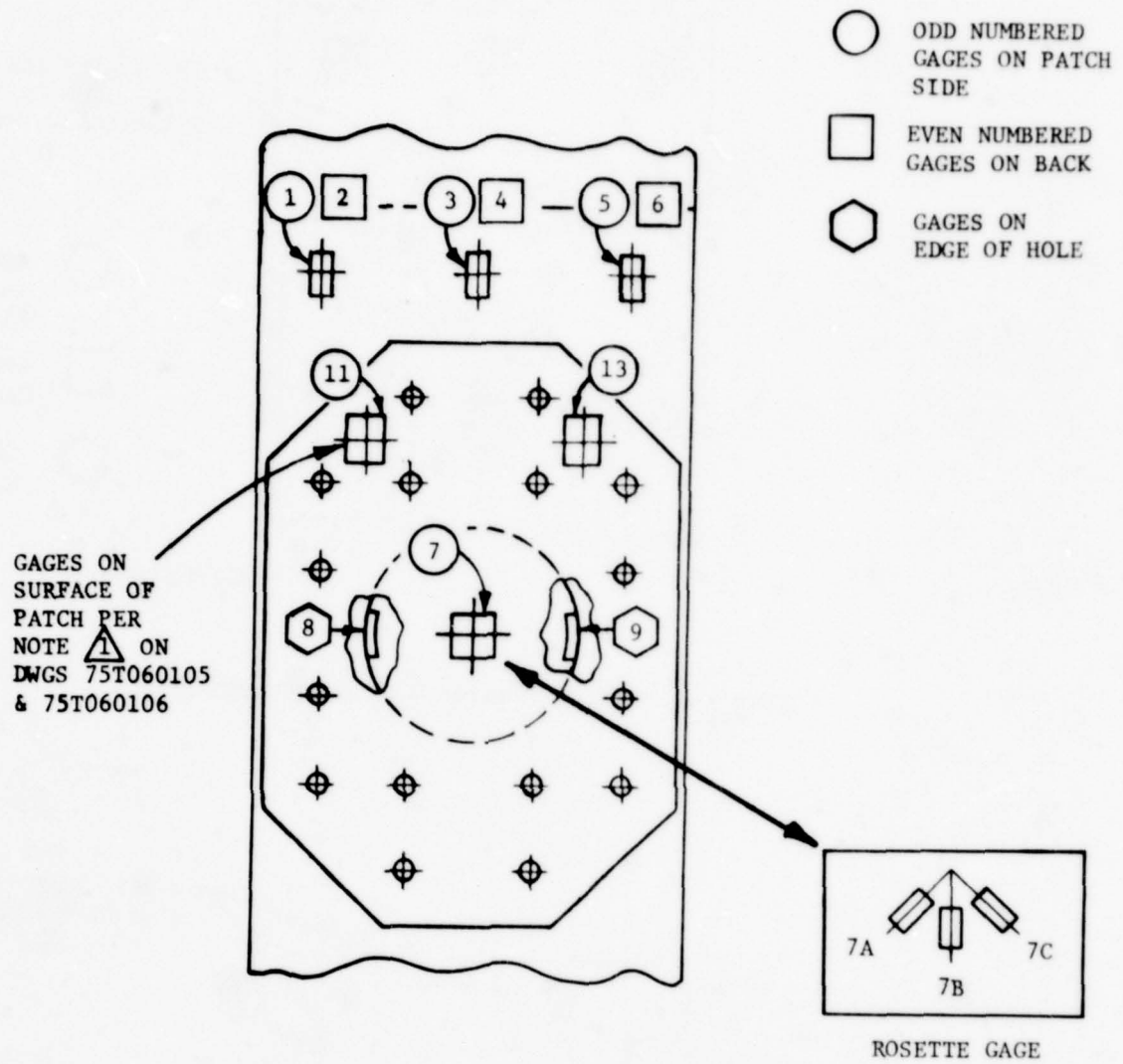


FIGURE 3-2 STRAIN GAGE INSTRUMENTATION  
INITIAL TESTS

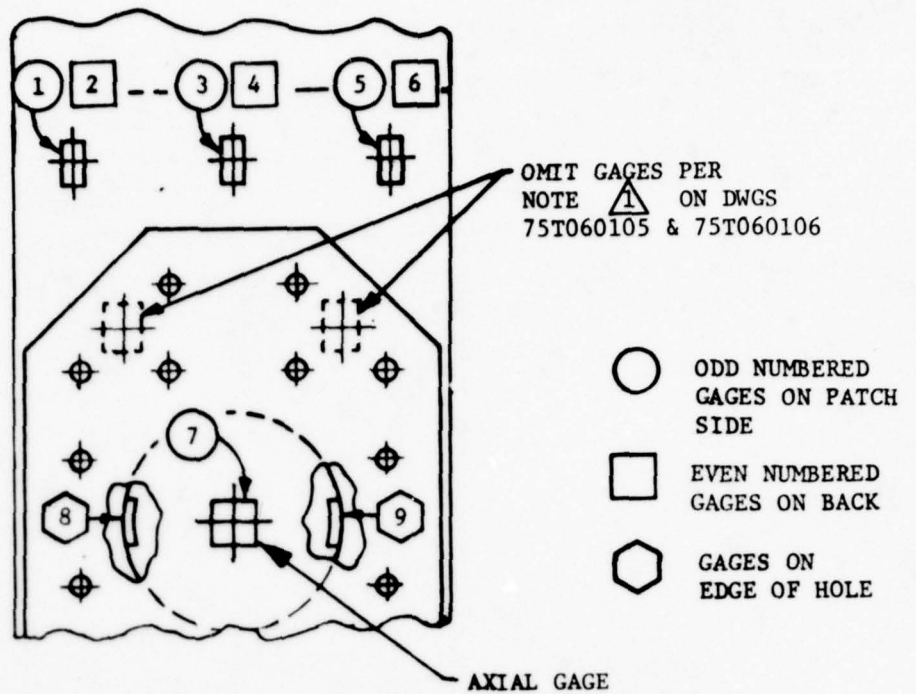


FIGURE 3-3 SIMPLIFIED STRAIN GAGE INSTRUMENTATION

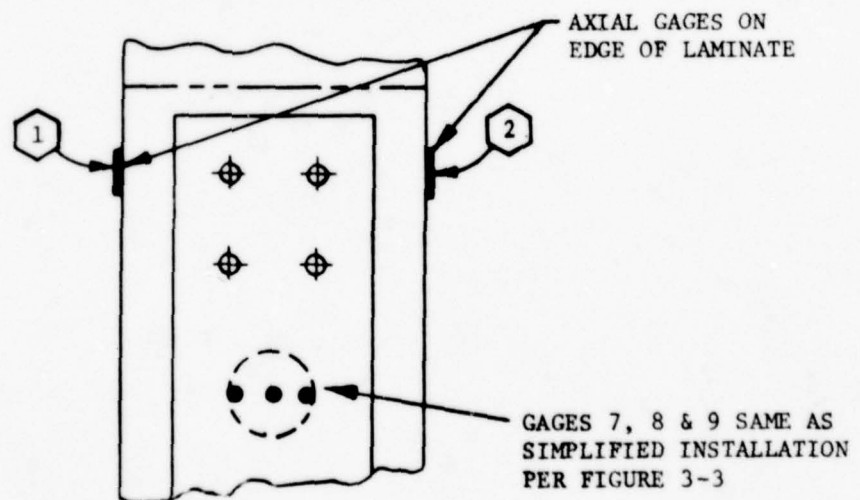


FIGURE 3-4 ALTERNATE SIMPLIFIED STRAIN GAGE INSTRUMENTATION

Specimen		Load Increment (lb)	100% TLL (lb)
3/16 Laminates	1.0 Dia Hole	3,000	29,645
	2.5 Dia Hole	4,000	42,350
	4.0 Dia Hole	7,000	67,760
1/2 Laminates	1.0 Dia Hole	8,000	83,720
	2.5 Dia Hole	12,000	119,600
	4.0 Dia Hole	20,000	191,360

TABLE 3.1 TEST LOAD INCREMENTS FOR TENSION TESTS

3.1.2 COMPRESSION TESTS - The compression tests were performed in the same Baldwin-Lima test machine used for the tension tests.

The compression panels were loaded through blocks bonded to the ends of the specimens (see Figures A-5 and A-6 in Appendix A). The edges of the specimens were restrained by supports fabricated from steel pipe. Each pipe had a slot cut along its length in which the edge of the specimen edge was inserted. Bolts through the pipe provided clamping force to support the specimen edge securely. Drawing 75T060107 (Figure A-7, Appendix A) defines the pipe edge supports. Figure 3-5 is a photograph of a typical compression test setup.

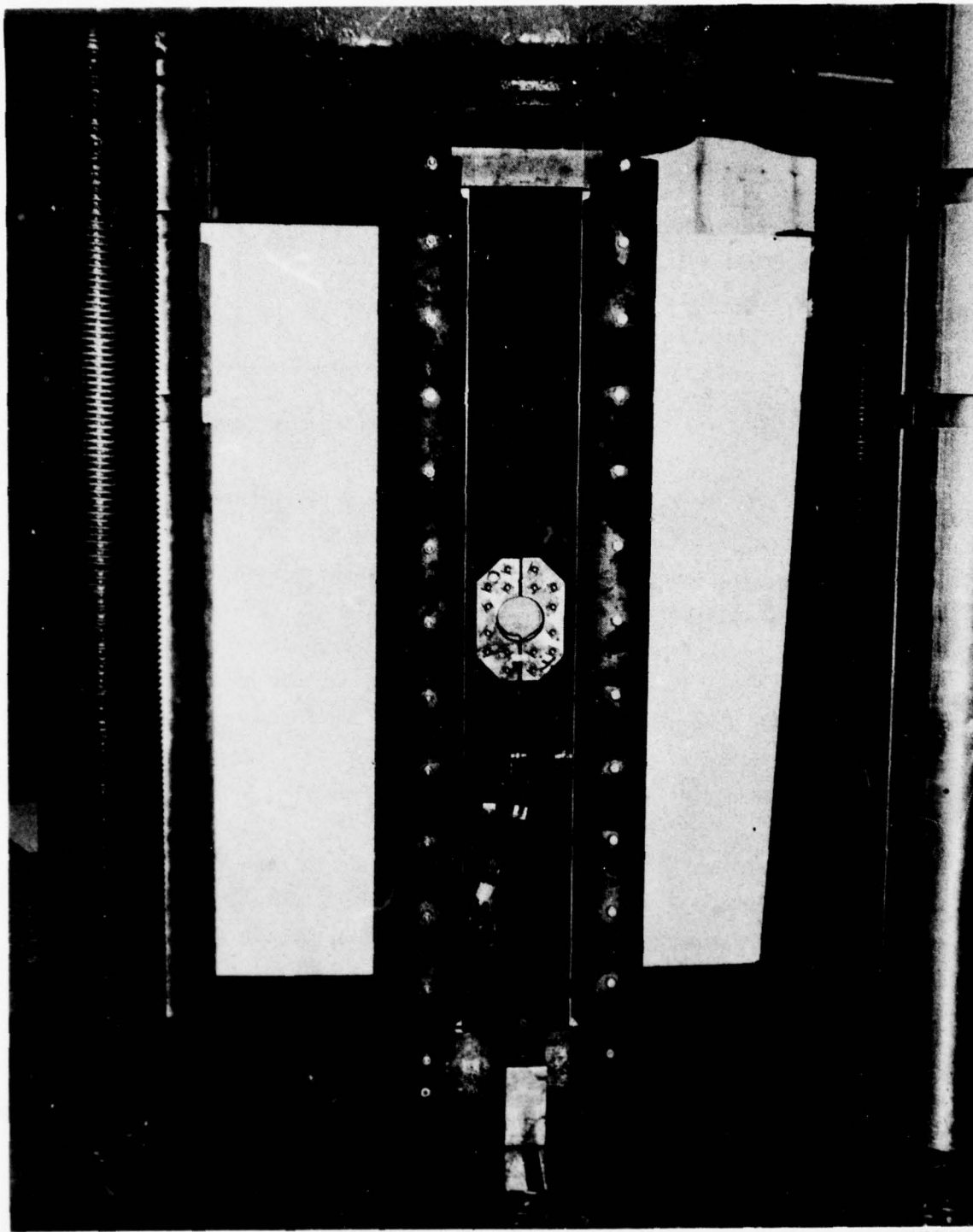
Figure 3-3 shows the configuration of the strain gage instrumentation used on the compression specimens. The test procedure called for loading the 3/16 in. laminate in 7,000 lb increments, and the 1/2 in. laminate in 20,000 lb increments until an average laminate strain of 4,000  $\mu$ in./in. was reached or until the onset of panel buckling. Data was recorded at each increment.

The objective of these tests was to demonstrate the compression characteristics of the repair patches without damaging the specimens. The specimens are scheduled for further testing by NADC.

### 3.2 TESTING OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATES WITH 1.0 DIA. DAMAGE HOLE

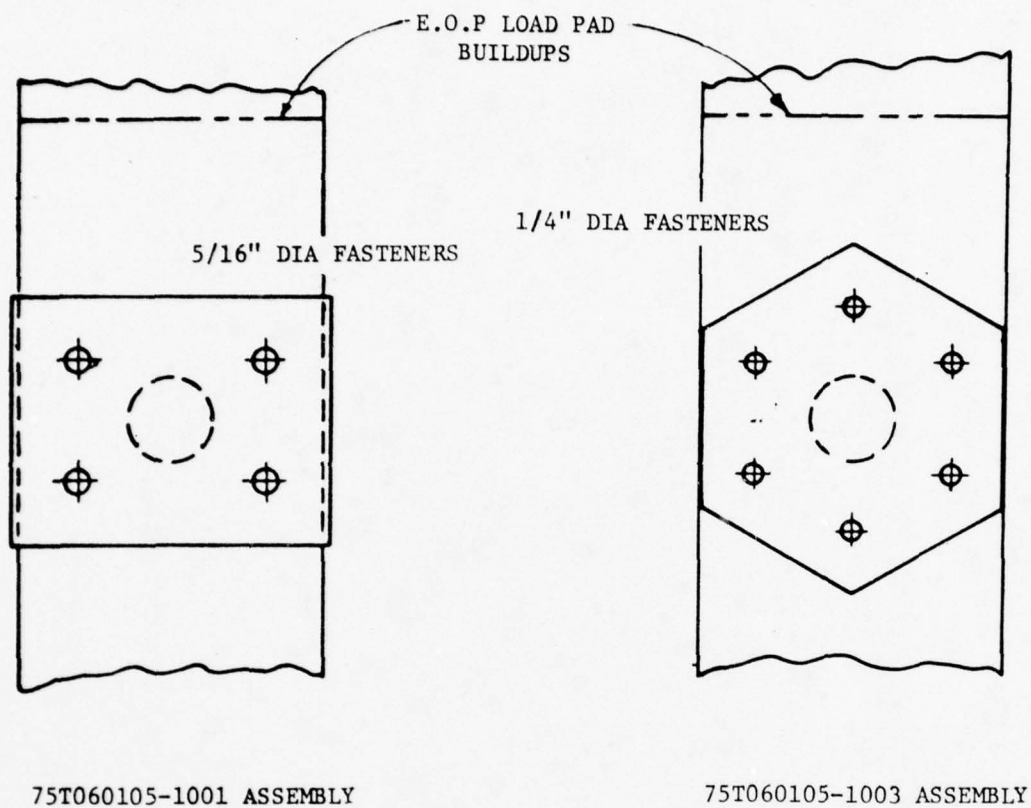
The two initial repair designs tested for 3/16 in. laminates with 1.0 in. holes are shown in Figure 3-6. These specimens are fully defined in the





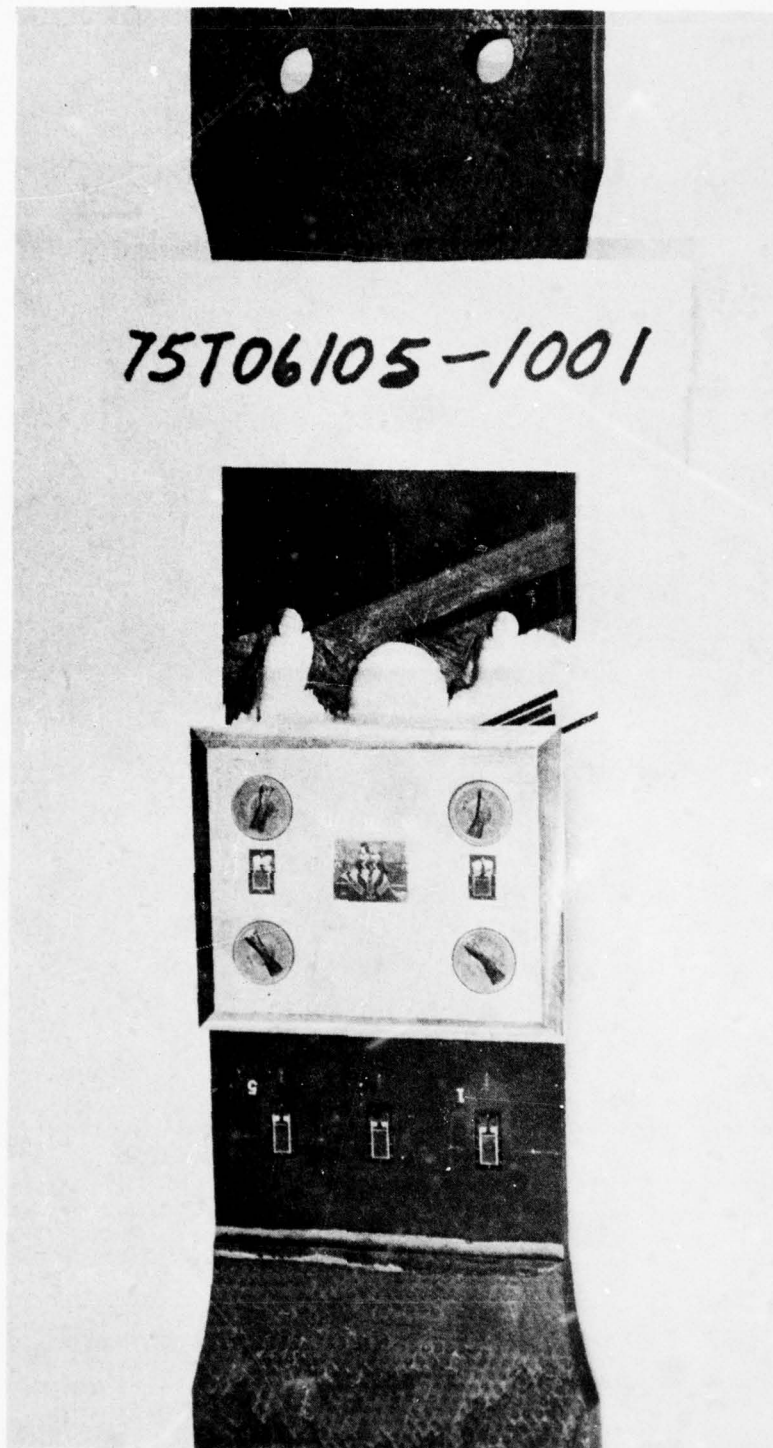
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FIGURE 3-5 TYPICAL COMPRESSION TEST SETUP



Part Name	Drawing Part Number	
	4-Bolt Configuration	6-Bolt Configuration
Repair Assy	75T060105-1001	75T060105-1003
Patch Details	75T060103-2011/-1013	75T060103-2009/-1011
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1001	75T060101-1001

FIGURE 3-6 3/16 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE INITIAL DESIGNS



**FIGURE 3-7**  
**FAILED 75T060105-1001 SPECIMEN**  
**3/16 Laminate 1.0 Diameter Damage Hole**

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Engineering drawings Figures A-1, A-3, and A-5 in Appendix A.

The 75T060105-1001 (4 bolt) repair failed at 23,300 lb producing 3,846  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  average laminate strain. The specimen failed in the net section across the damage hole and the laminate failed around the patch fasteners as shown in Figure 3-7.

Gages on the surface of the patch recorded 30  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  of strain at failure while strain at the edge of the hole was measured at 19,914  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  A complete set of strain gage data is presented in Appendix B, Figure B-1.

The 75T060105 (6 bolt) repair failed at a total load of 25,000 lb. The average strain in the laminate was 4,039  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The strain at the edge of the hole was only recorded to 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  due to limits set in the data recording system. (This condition was corrected on later tests). The maximum strain recorded on the patch was 200  $\mu\text{in./in.}$

The specimen failed in the net section across the damage hole. The Gr/Ep laminate did not fail around the fasteners after the net section failed. The specimen remained in one piece with the patch holding it together, as shown in Figure 3-8. See Appendix B, Figure B-2 for strain gage data.

These two repairs did not perform as predicted by the NASTRAN analysis. Consequently, following these tests the analytical methods were reviewed. This review and resulting analytical revisions are discussed in Section 2.

Following the review, two new repairs were designed for the 1.0 dia. damage hole in both the 3/16 and 1/2 in. laminates. The initial intention was to test both configurations in the 1/2 in. laminate and choose the best repair for follow-on testing for both laminates. Unfortunately, the schedule did not permit this, and analysis was used to select the least-risk path on the 3/16 laminates.

Figure 3-9 shows the revised configuration tested on the final two 3/16 laminates. The table included in that figure lists the parts which comprise the specimen assembly (Ref Appendix A, Figures A-1, A-4, and A-5).

The new 8-bolt configuration was a significant improvement. Failures at 37,000 and 35,600 lb produced average laminate strains of 5,712 and 5,604  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ , respectively. Strains at the edge of the damage hole were 15,175 and 13,083  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  Patch strains were 875 and 980  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  Failure came along the outer bolt line at one end of each specimen. See Figure 3-10.



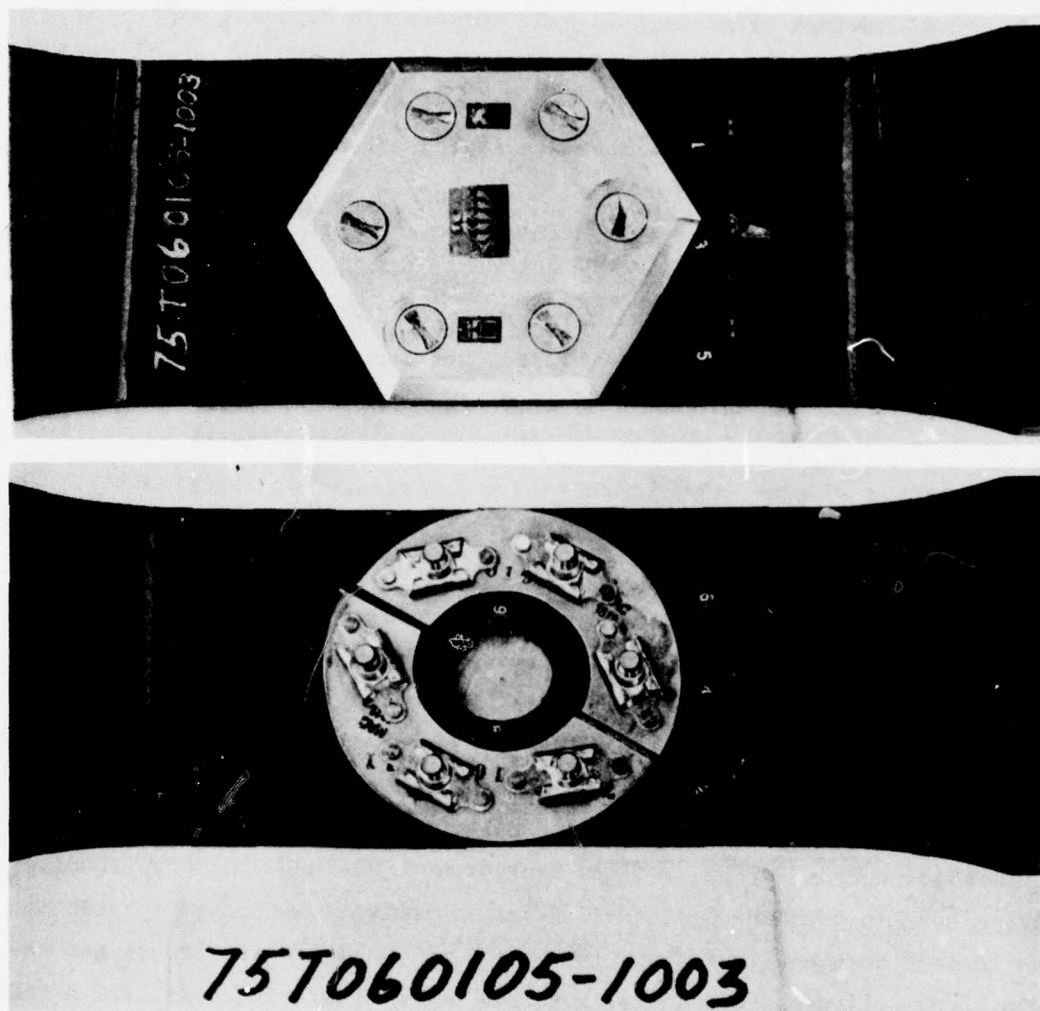
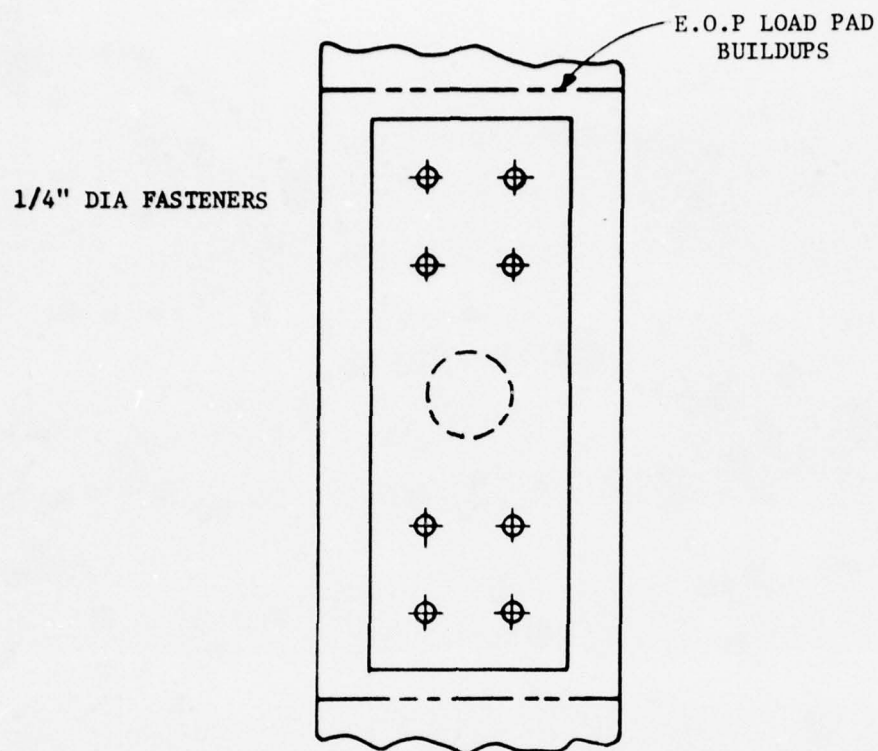


FIGURE 3-8  
FAILED 75T060105-1003 SPECIMEN  
3/16 Laminate 1.0 Diameter Damage Hole

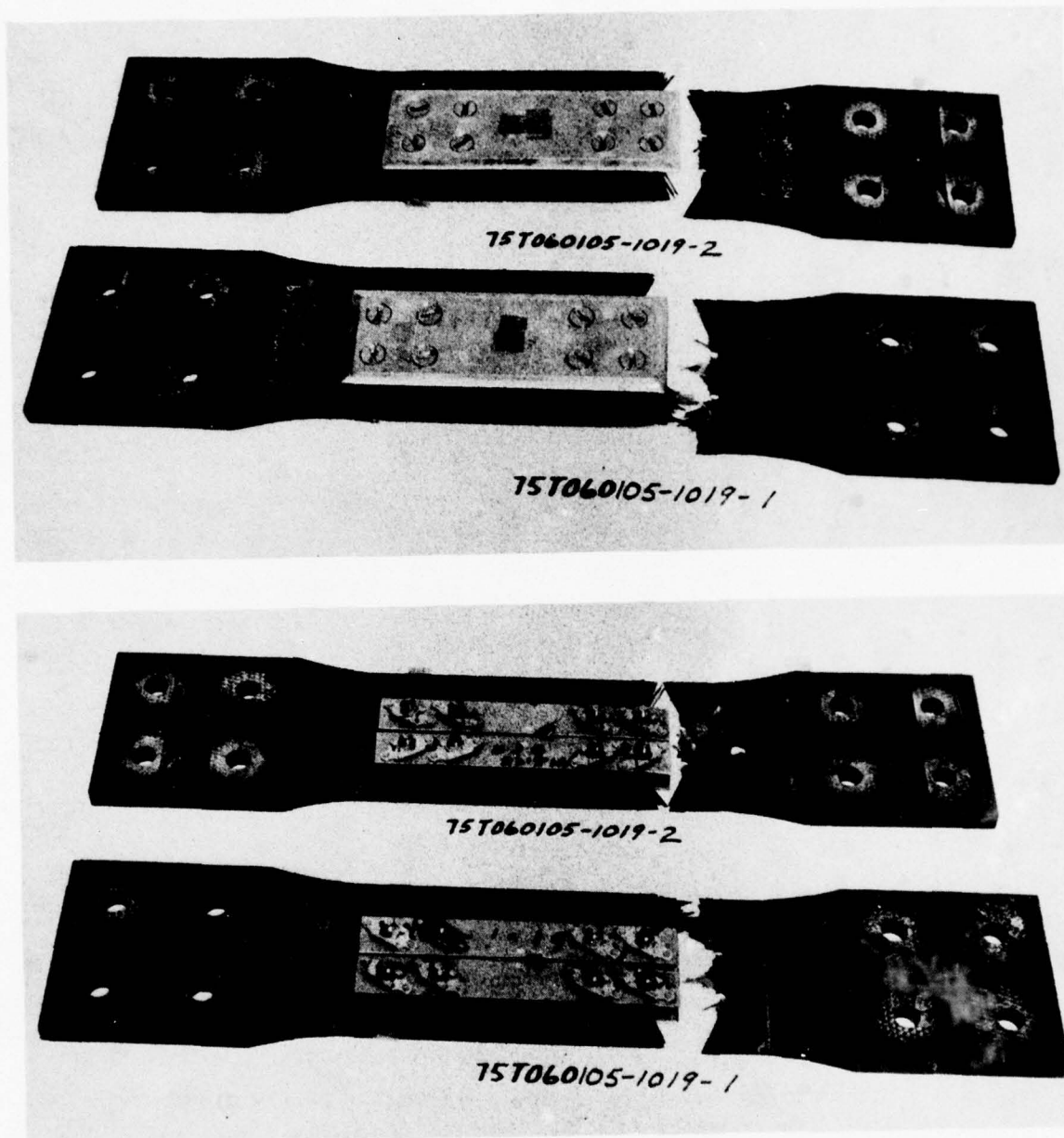
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75T060105-1019 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
Repair Assy	75T060105-1019
Patch Details	75T060104-2011/-1019
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1001

FIGURE 3-9 3/16 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE  
FOLLOW-ON TEST DESIGN



**FIGURE 3-10**  
**FAILED 75T060105-1019 SPECIMENS**  
 3/16 Laminate 1.0 Diameter Damage Hole

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See Figures B-3 and B-4, Appendix B, for complete gage data. Table 3.2 summarizes the test data.

SPECIMEN 75T060105	FAILURE LOAD		STRAIN AT FAILURE $\mu\text{in./in.}$			STRAIN RATIO PATCH/LAMINATE
	lb	lb/in.	LAMINATE	HOLE	PATCH	
-1001	23,300	6,714	3846	19,914	30	.01
-1003	25,500	7,142	4039	10,000+	200	.05
-1019 #1	37,000	10,571	5712	15,175	875	.15
-1019 #2	35,600	10,171	5604	13,083	980	.17

TABLE 3.2 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE - 1.0 DIA. DAMAGE HOLE

### 3.3 TESTING OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATES WITH 2.50 DIA. DAMAGE HOLE

The two repair concepts designed and tested for 3/16 inch laminates with 2.50 inch holes are shown in Figure 3-11. These specimens are defined in Figures A-1, A-3, and A-5, Appendix A. Both concepts use 1/4 in. fasteners.

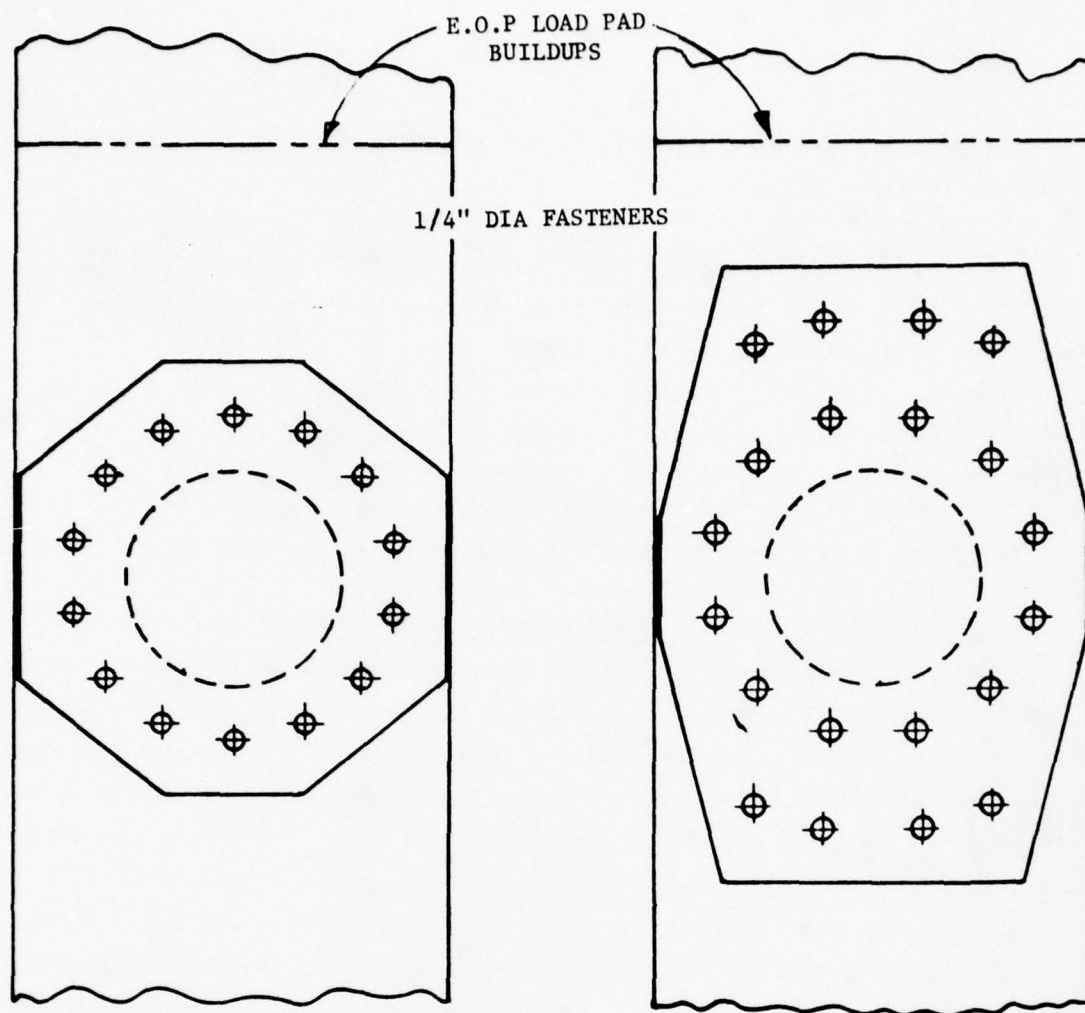
The 75T060105-1007 (circular pattern) specimen failed at 36,460 lb which produced an average laminate strain of 4,291  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  It failed along the fastener line near one end of the damage hole as shown in Figure 3-12.

At failure the strain at the edge of the damage hole was measured at 13,605  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ , and the patch was strained to 873  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  at the center in the direction of the loading. Complete strain gage data is presented in Figure B-6, Appendix B.

The 75T060105-1005 (rectangular pattern) repair specimen failed at 46,000 lb, with 5,316  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  average laminate strain. Failure occurred along the outermost row of fasteners at one end of the specimen (see Figure 3-13). At failure, the patch strain was measured at 1,569  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  at the center. The strain at the edge of the laminate hole was in excess of 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  (Exact strain value was undetermined because the strain range was set at 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  in the data recording equipment). Complete strain gage data is presented in Appendix B, Figure B-5.

Both patch designs produced acceptable test results. The 75T060105-1007 has merit due to the fewer number of fasteners and simple fastener pattern. However the 75T060105-1005 was chosen for follow-on testing because it carried a higher load at failure. The two additional specimens failed at 42,100 and





75T060105-1007 ASSEMBLY

75T060105-1005 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Number	
	14 Bolt Circular Pattern	20 Bolt Rectangular Pattern
Repair Assy	75T060105-1007	75T060105-1005
Patch Details	75T060103-2003/-1003	75T060103-2001/-1001
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1003	75T060101-1003

FIGURE 3-11 3/16 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA DAMAGE HOLE REPAIR DESIGNS

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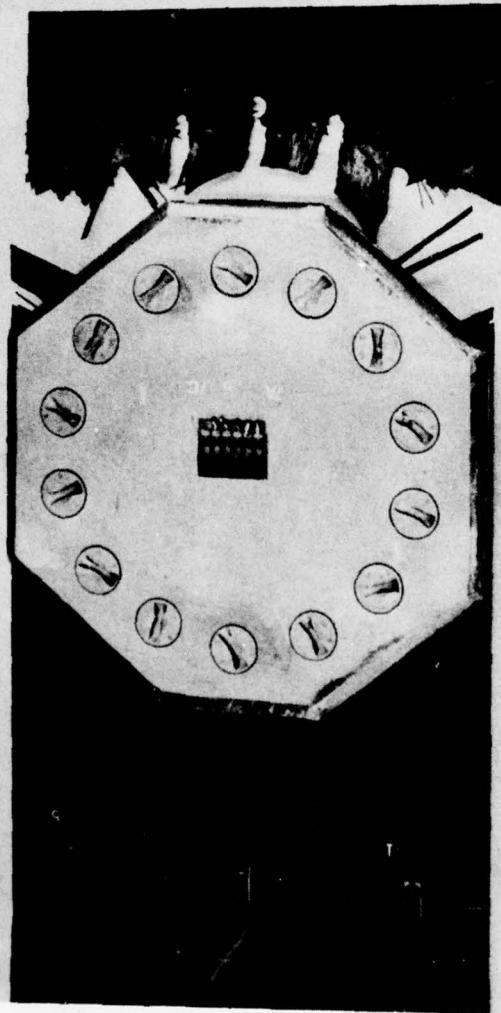


FIGURE 3-12  
FAILED 75T060105-1007 SPECIMEN  
3/16 Laminate 2.5 Diameter Damage Hole

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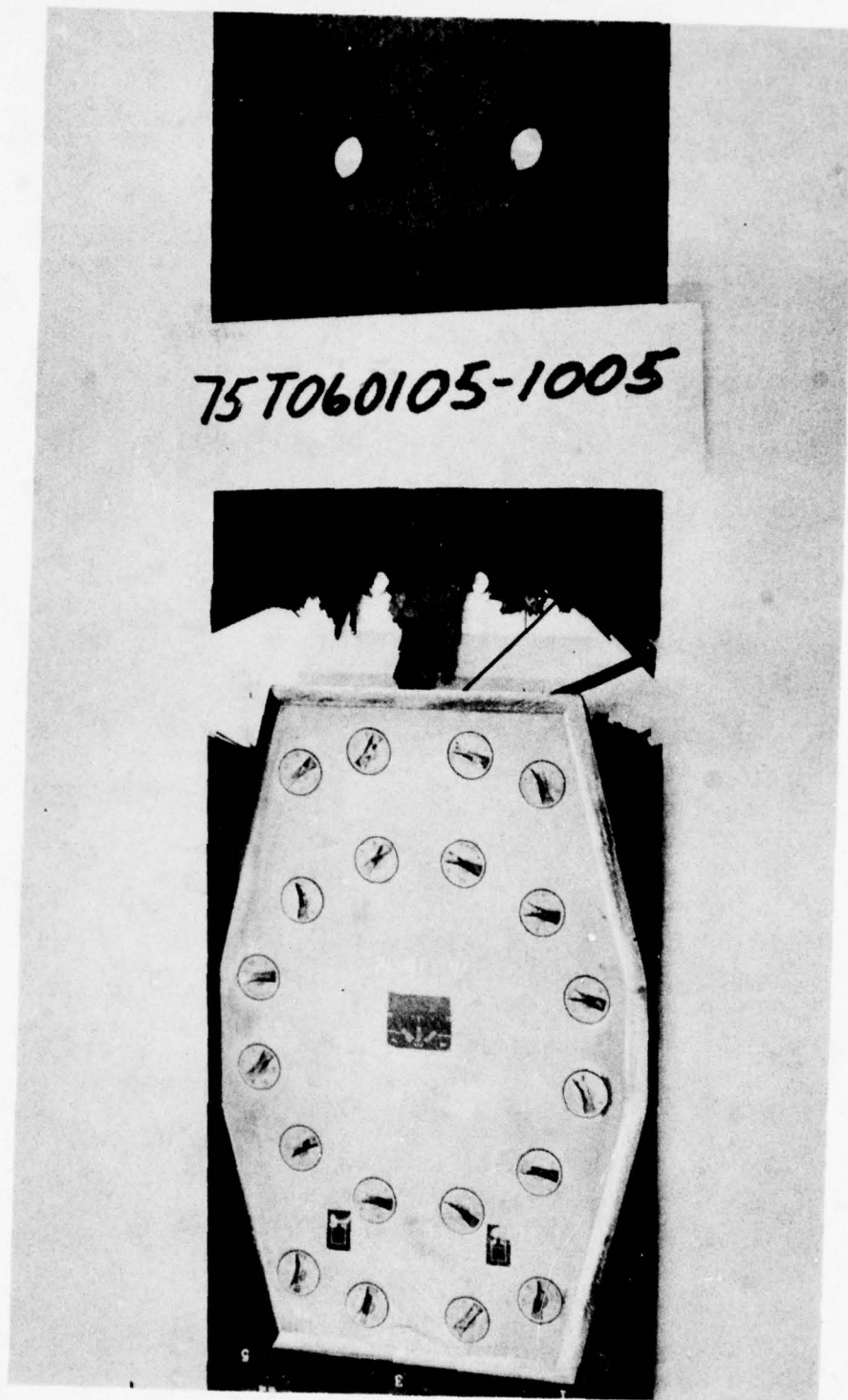


FIGURE 3-13  
FAILED 75T060105-1005 SPECIMEN  
3/16 Laminate 2.5 Diameter Damage Hole

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46,600 lb, which yield strains of 4,893  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  and 5,358  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ , respectively (See Appendix B, Figure B-7 and B-8). The failure modes were identical to the first specimen. These tests substantiate the structural integrity of the repair configuration. Table 3.3 summarizes the test information.

Specimen 75T060105	Failure Load		Strain at Failure			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1007	36,460	7250	4291	13,605	873	.20
-1005 #1	46,000	9220	5310	10,000+	1569	.30
-1005 #2	42,100	8420	4893	-	1378	.28
-1005 #3	46,600	9320	5358	15,441	1485	.28

TABLE 3.3 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE - 2.5 DIA. DAMAGE HOLE

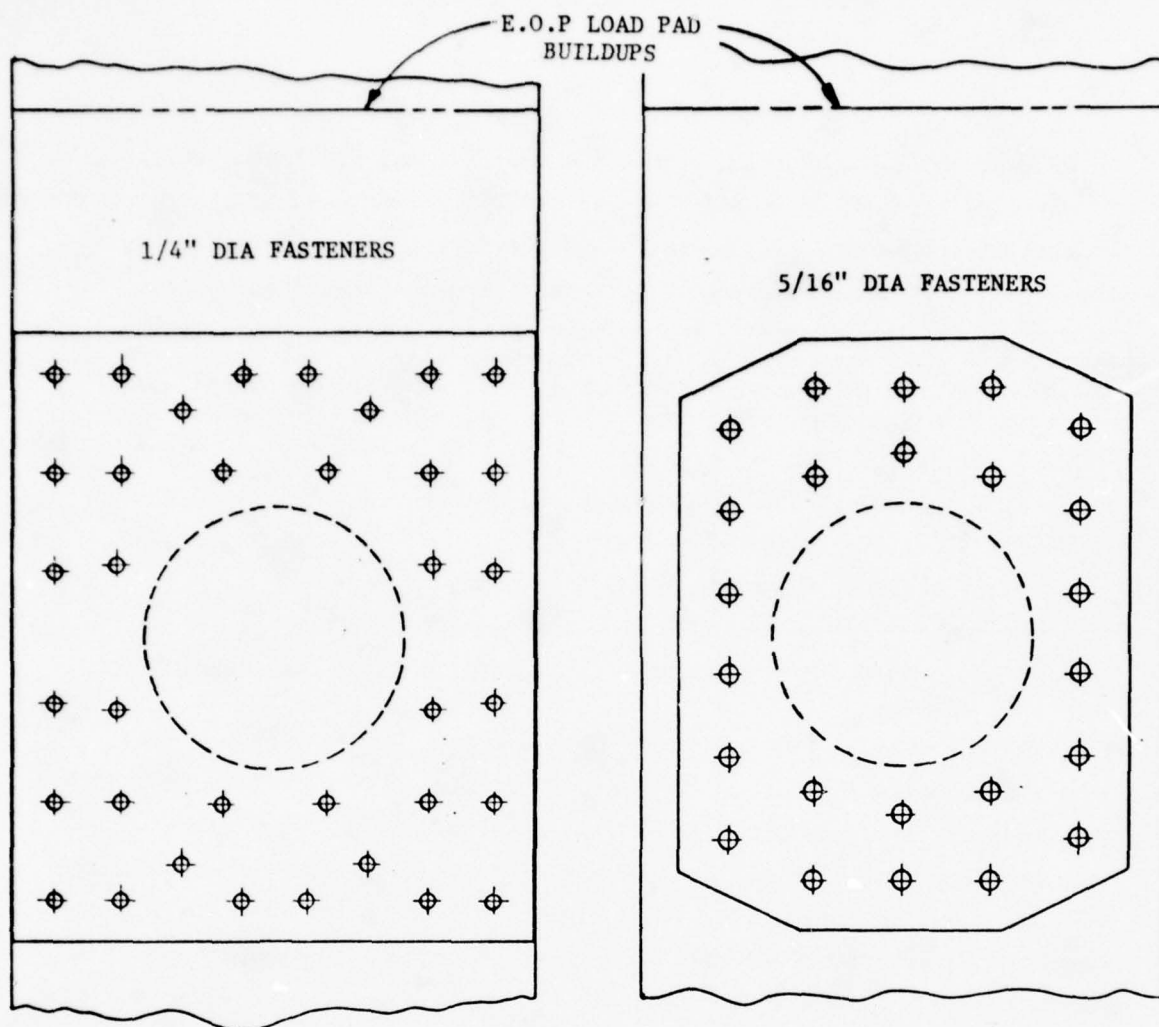
#### 3.4 TESTING OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATES WITH 4.0 DIA. DAMAGE HOLE

The two titanium patches designed to repair a 4.0 inch hole in a 3/16 inch laminate are shown in Figure 3-14, along with a table of parts which make up these assemblies. The Engineering drawings (Figures A-1, A-3, and A-5) are found in Appendix A. In designing a patch to repair such a large damage hole, an effort was made to keep the total patch area as compact as possible. This allows application of the repair patch over a larger portion of the wing skin without interfering with adjacent substructure. The two designs presented feature two different sizes of fasteners in similar closely spaced bolt patterns.

The initial test on the 5/16 inch fastener configuration brought failure at 62,500 lb and a gross laminate strain of 4,540  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The 1/4 in. fastener concept failed at 65,500 lb and 4,758  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  strain. Both failures were along an outermost row of fasteners. Figures 3-15 and 3-16 show the failures. Both concepts thus exceeded 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ , with the 1/4 in. dia. fastener concept slightly better.

It was hoped that further improvement could be made if the number of fasteners in the outermost row were reduced, to reduce the perforated effect along the failure location in the first test. Thus, the 75T060105-1015 assembly was created. This concept is basically the same as the previous 1/4 in. fastener concept (75T060105-1013), except that it had four fasteners





75T060105-1013 ASSEMBLY

75T060105-1011 ASSEMBLY

	Drawing Part Number	
	36 Fastener Config (1/4 in. fasteners)	24 Fastener Config (5/16 in. fasteners)
Repair Assy	75T060105-1013	75T060105-1011
Patch Details	75T060103-2005/1005	75T060105-2007/-1007/-1009
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1005	75T060101-1005

FIGURE 3-14 3/16 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE INITIAL DESIGNS

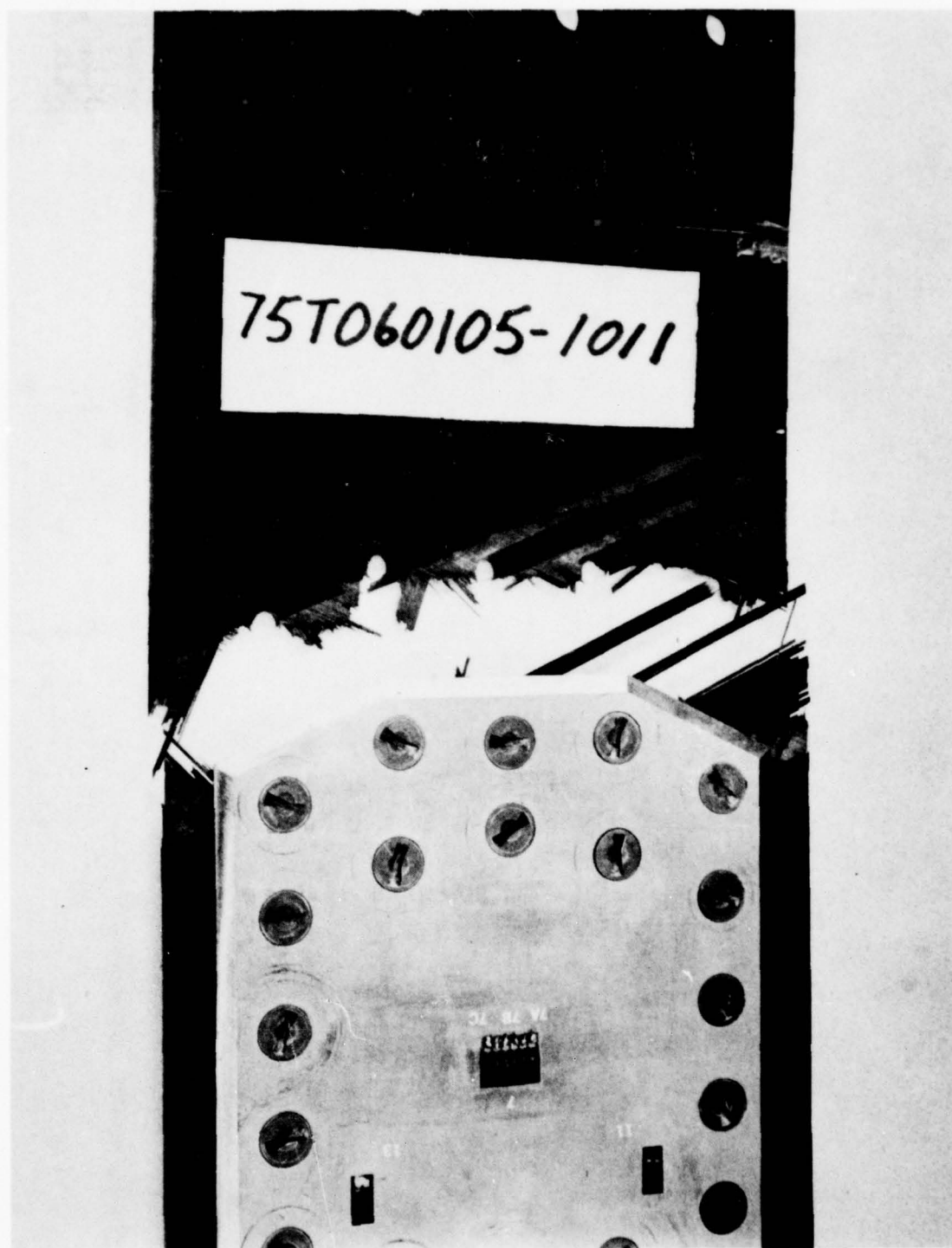


FIGURE 3-15  
FAILED 75T060105-1011 SPECIMEN  
3/16 Laminate 4.0 Diameter Damage Hole

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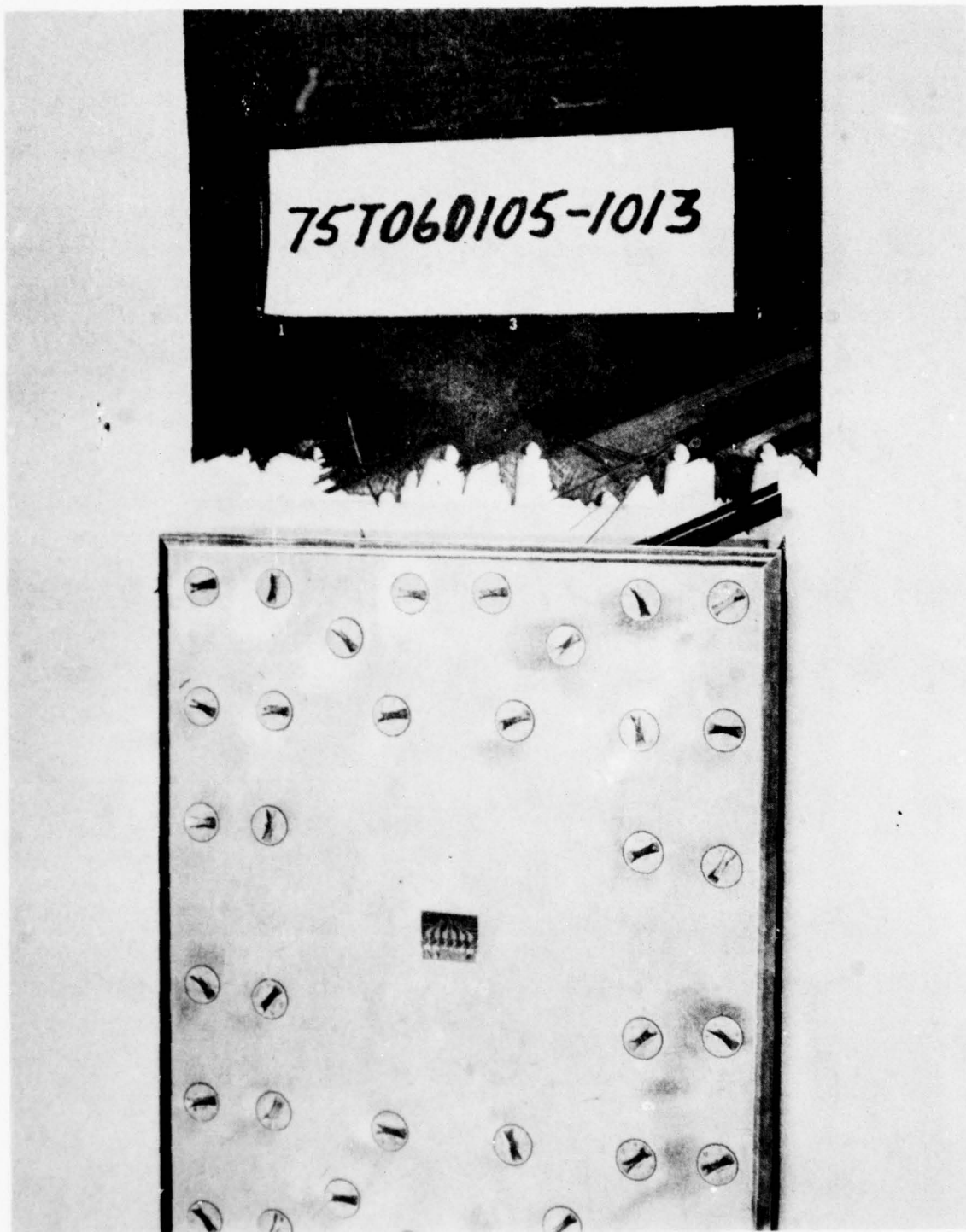


FIGURE 3-16  
FAILED 75T060105-1013 SPECIMEN  
3/16 Laminate 4.0 Diameter Damage Hole

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along each edge instead of six. Figure 3-17 lists the parts in the new assembly. (Reference Figures A-1, A-3, and A-5 in Appendix A), shows the revised fastener pattern.

The follow-on tests showed the revised fastener pattern offered no significant load carrying improvement. Failures occurred at 64,500 lb and 67,500 lb (4758  $\mu$ in./in. respectively). The failure mode was again along the outer row of fasteners at one end of the patch. This is shown in Figure 3-18. An overall improvement in efficiency can be noted, since the number of fasteners was reduced with no effect on the load-carrying capability of the repair.

Table 3.4 summarizes the most significant data for all the tests. Strain gage data for all tests can be found in Appendix B, Figures B-9 through B-12.

Specimen 75T060105	Failure Load		Strain at Failure $\mu$ in./in.			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1011	62,500	7812	4540	11,389	1376	.30
-1013	65,500	8187	4758	10,220	1700	.36
-1015 #1	64,500	8062	4774	10,731	1546	.32
-1015 #2	67,500	8437	4896	10,208	1565	.32

TABLE 3.4 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

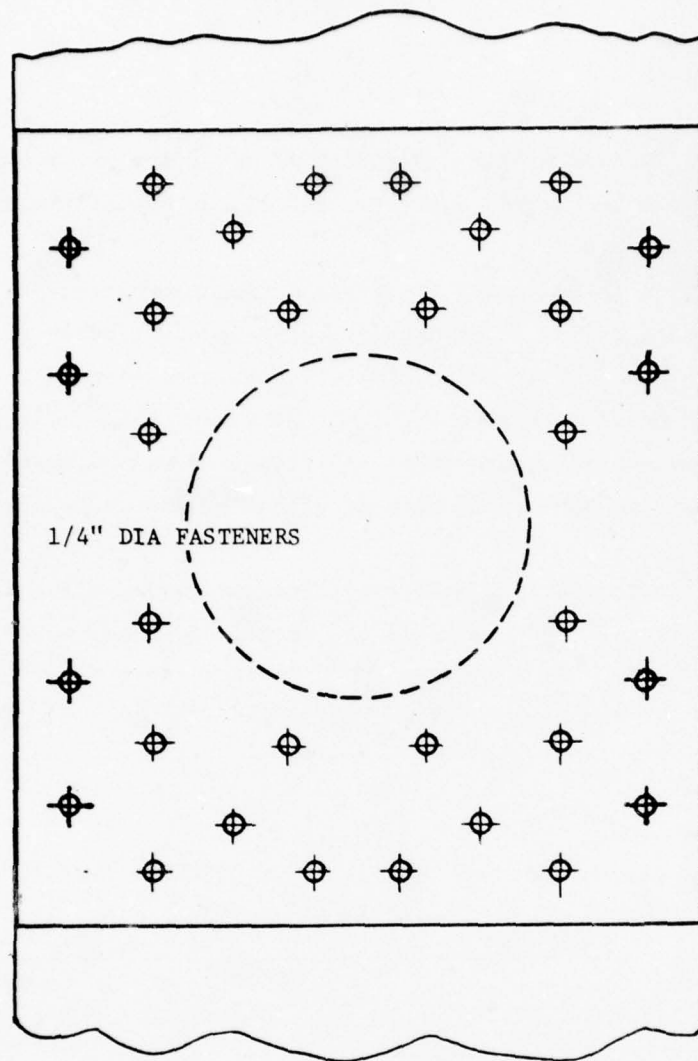
### 3.5 TESTING OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATE OFF-AXIS SPECIMEN

The repair patch used for the off-axis specimen was chosen based on the initial tests of 3/16 in. laminates with a 2.50 dia damage hole. The best patch was the one with twenty - 1/4 in. fasteners.

The Gr/Ep panel was fabricated with the 0° laminate axis 20° off the load axis. The patch was attached in line with the load. Figure 3-19 shows the assembly and a table of parts. Engineering drawings are found in Figures A-1, A-3 and A-5, Appendix A.

The specimen failed at a load of 73,300 lb and an average laminate strain, in the load direction, of 6,233  $\mu$ in./in. The specimen failed across the outer row of fasteners. The maximum strain measured was 10,981  $\mu$ in./in., see Figure 3-20. This test showed the structural adequacy of an off-axis repair. The patch performs similar to its on-axis counterpart (Section 3.3).





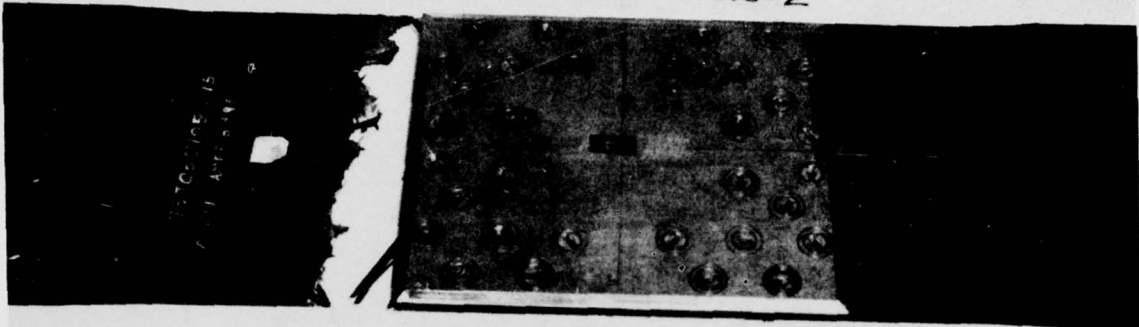
75T060105-1015 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
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Patch Details	75T060103-2013/-1015
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1005

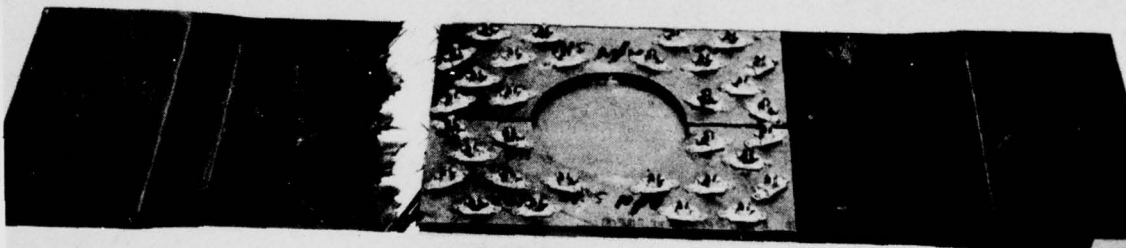
FIGURE 3-17 3/16 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE FOLLOW-ON TEST DESIGN



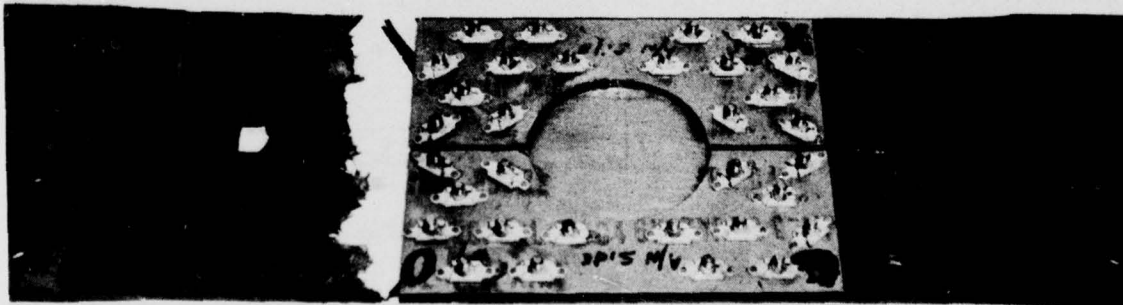
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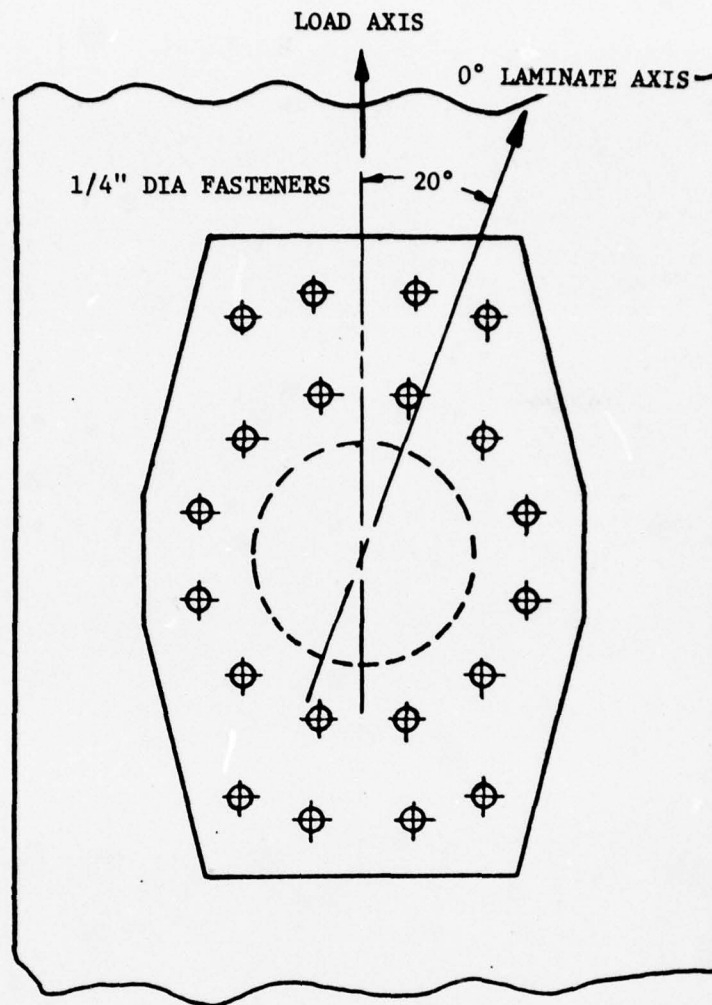
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FIGURE 3-18  
 FAILED 75T060105-1015 SPECIMENS  
 3/16 Laminate 4.0 Diameter Damage Hole

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75T060105-1017 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
Repair Assy	75T060105-1017
Patch Details	75T060103-2001/-1001
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1009

FIGURE 3-19 3/16 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS REPAIR DESIGN

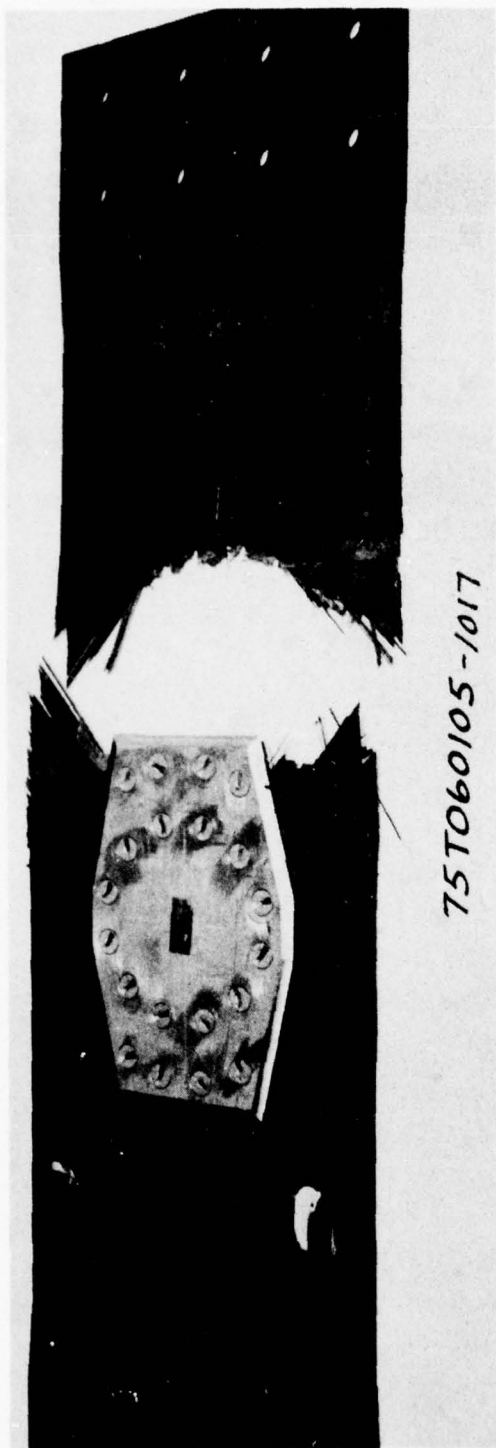


FIGURE 3-20  
FAILED 3/16 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS SPECIMEN

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Table 3.5 lists significant test data. (Complete strain gage data is shown in Appendix B, Figure B-13).

Specimen 75T060105	Failure Load		Strain at Failure $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1017	73,700	9,212	6,233	10,981	1,452	.23

TABLE 3.5 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS TEST

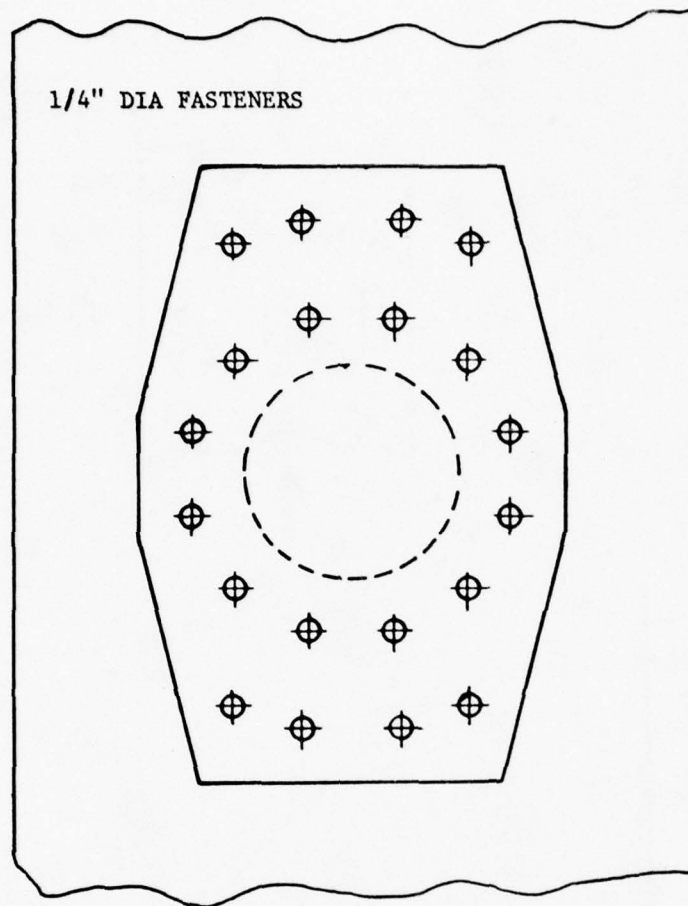
### 3.6 TESTING OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATE COMPRESSION SPECIMEN

The patch used to repair the hole on the 3/16 in. laminate compression specimen was one with twenty 1/4 in. fasteners used on the tension test of the 2.50 in. hole. Figure 3-21 shows a sketch of the repair and a table of parts.

The specimen was assembled and instrumented according to drawing 75T060105 (Appendix A, Figure A-5). Steel pipe edge supports were clamped in place per drawing 75T060107 (Appendix A, Figure A-7).

The specimen was loaded in compression in 7,000 lb increments. At 35,000 lb examination of the strain gage data showed that the panel was beginning to buckle. The load was held at 35,000 lb and the specimen was examined. Visible buckling had occurred. Along the vertical center line of the specimen the maximum amplitude of the buckling was 0.18 in. Near the edge support, 0.03 in. of the deformation was measured. To preclude damaging the laminate or the patch no further loading was applied. When the load was removed, the specimen returned to its original shape with no discernable permanent deformation.

An examination of the item data from gages 3 and 4, which are back to back along the centerline of the specimen, is shown in Figure 3-22. This shows that buckling began at approximately 21,000 lb load. Table 3.6 summarizes the test data recorded at the highest load level applied.



75T060105-1009 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
Repair Assy	75T060105-1009
Patch Details	75T060103-2001/-1001
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1007

FIGURE 3-21 3/16 LAMINATE COMPRESSION REPAIR DESIGN

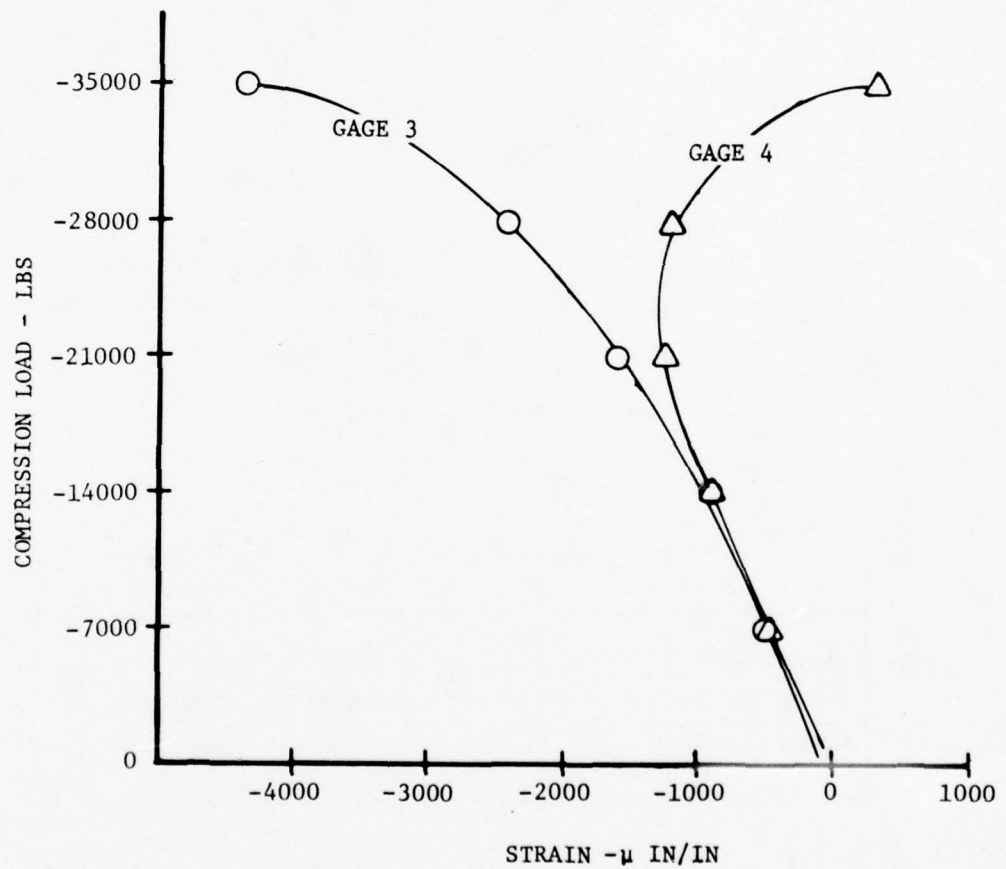
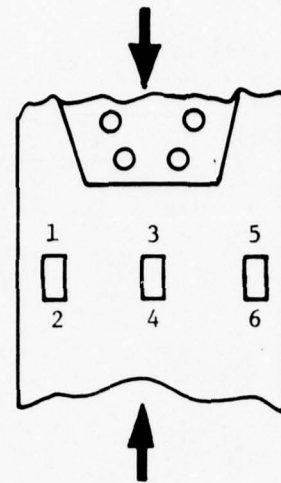


FIGURE 3-22 PARTIAL STRAIN GAGE DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE COMPRESSION TEST

Specimen 75T060105	Max Load Applied		Max. Strains $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate Ave	Hole	Patch	
-1009	-35,000	-4757	-2729	-5450	-385	.14

TABLE 3.6 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 3/16 LAMINATE COMPRESSION TEST

### 3.7 TESTING OF 1/2 INCH LAMINATES WITH 1.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

The initial repair patch designs for the 1/2 inch laminate with a 1.0 dia damage hole were identical to the first set of patches tested on the 3/16 laminates, except that the backing plates were thick (0.140 in.) structural items instead of thin nut plate retainers. (See Figure 3-6).

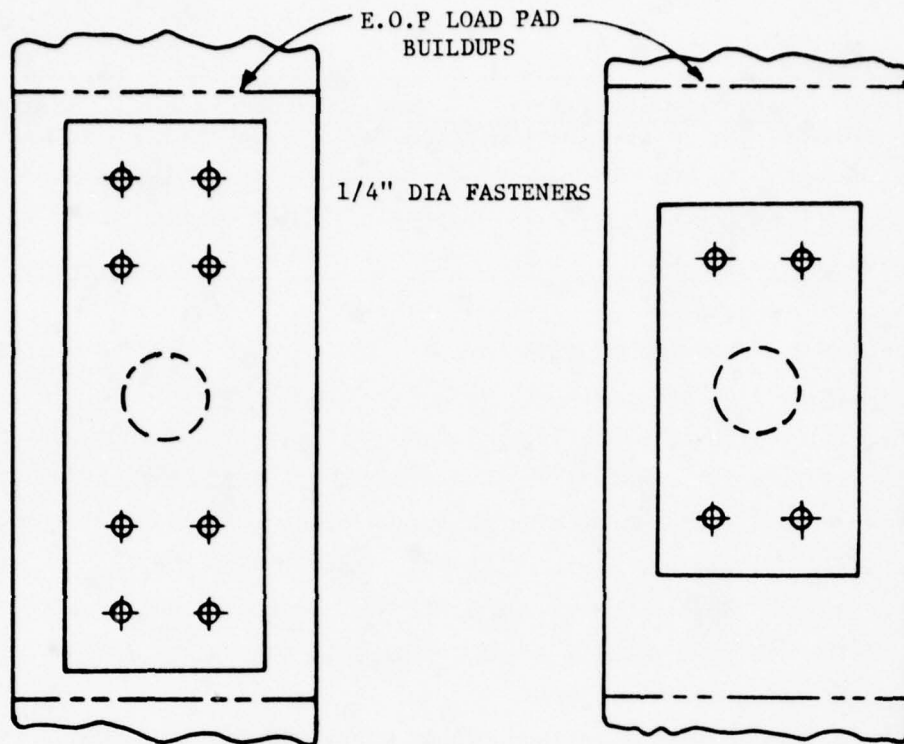
The test of these patches on the 3/16 in. laminates had resulted in a review of the analysis methods and a redesign of the repair patches for all the 1.0 dia damage hole specimens.

Figure 3-23 shows the revised repair patch designs and their parts list for the 1/2 inch laminate.

In the initial tests of the revised patches on a 1/2 inch laminate, the 75T060106-1019 (8 bolt) specimen failed at 97,300 lb and a strain of 5,806  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  while the 75T060106-1021 (4 bolt) specimen went to 98,600 lb and a strain of 6,306  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The 4-bolt configuration failed across the bolts at one end of the specimen. The 8-bolt design failed across the damage hole. Figure 3-24 shows the failed specimens. One possible reason the 8-bolt patch was not more effective than the 4-bolt configuration is that the length of the patch puts the outer fasteners very near the load pad buildups on the specimen. A complete evaluation of the 8-bolt repair will require further testing on a larger specimen.

Two more 75T060106-1021 (4 bolt) specimens were built and tested. Failures occurred at 94,300 lb and 92,800 lb, with average laminate strains of 5814 and 5832  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  respectively. Table 3.7 summarizes several data parameters from these tests. (Complete strain gage data is in Appendix B, Figures B-15 to B-18).





75T060106-1019 ASSEMBLY

75T060106-1021 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers	
	8-Bolt Configuration	4-Bolt Configuration
Repair Assy	75T060106-1019	75T060106-1021
Patch Details	75T060104-2011/-1015	75T060104-2013/1017
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1011	75T060101-1011

FIGURE 3-23 1/2 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE REVISED PATCH DESIGNS

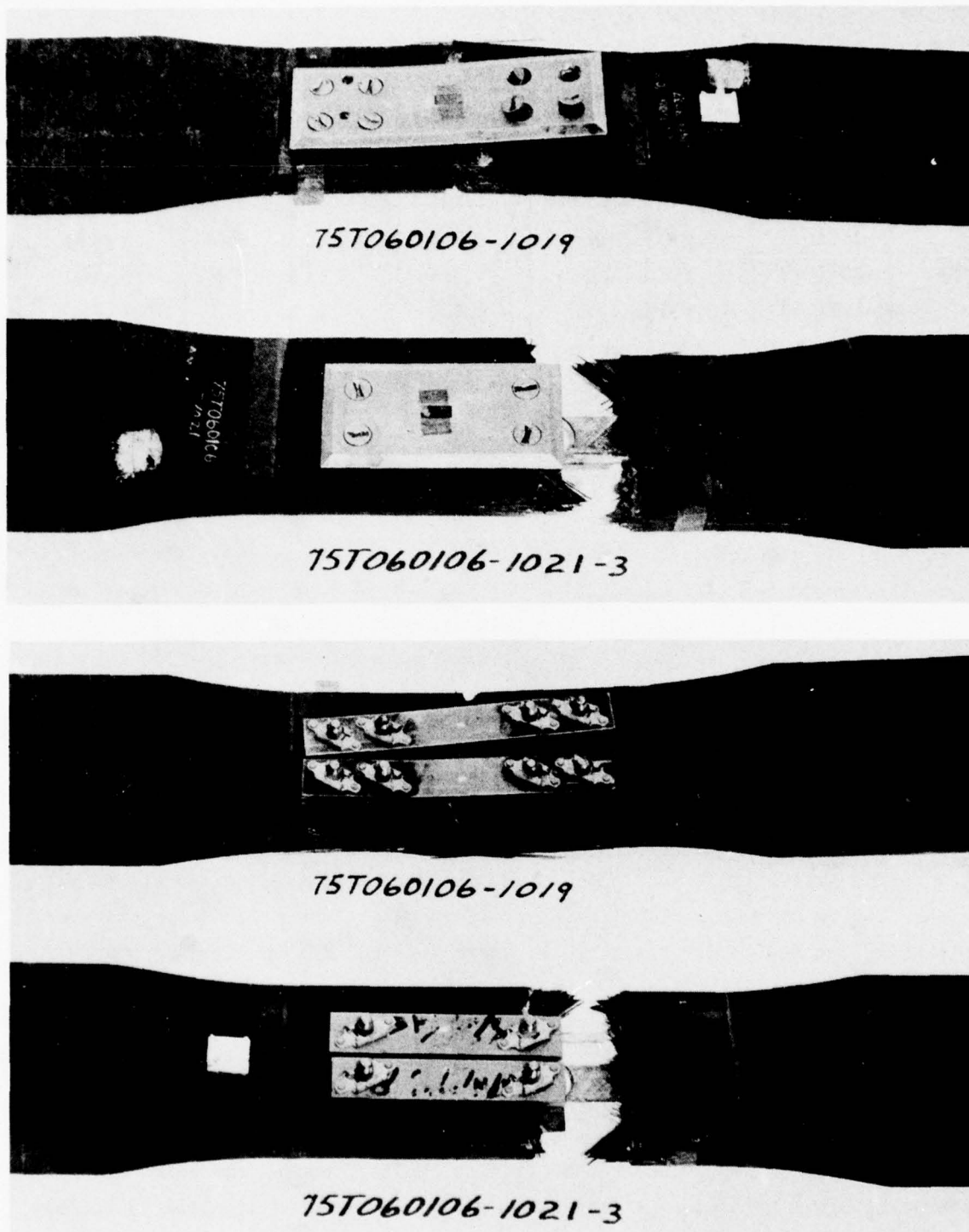


FIGURE 3-24  
 FAILED SPECIMENS - 1/2 LAMINATE 1.0 DIAMETER DAMAGE HOLE  
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Specimen 75T060106	Failure Load		Strain of Failure $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1019	97,300	27,800	5,805	16,493	1,343	.23
-1021 #1	98,600	28,171	6,306	17,745	827	.13
-1021 #2	94,300	26,942	5,814	-	856	.15
-1021 #3	92,800	26,514	5,832	14,925	903	.15

TABLE 3.7 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 1/2 LAMINATE 1.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

### 3.8 TESTING 1/2 INCH LAMINATES WITH 2.50 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

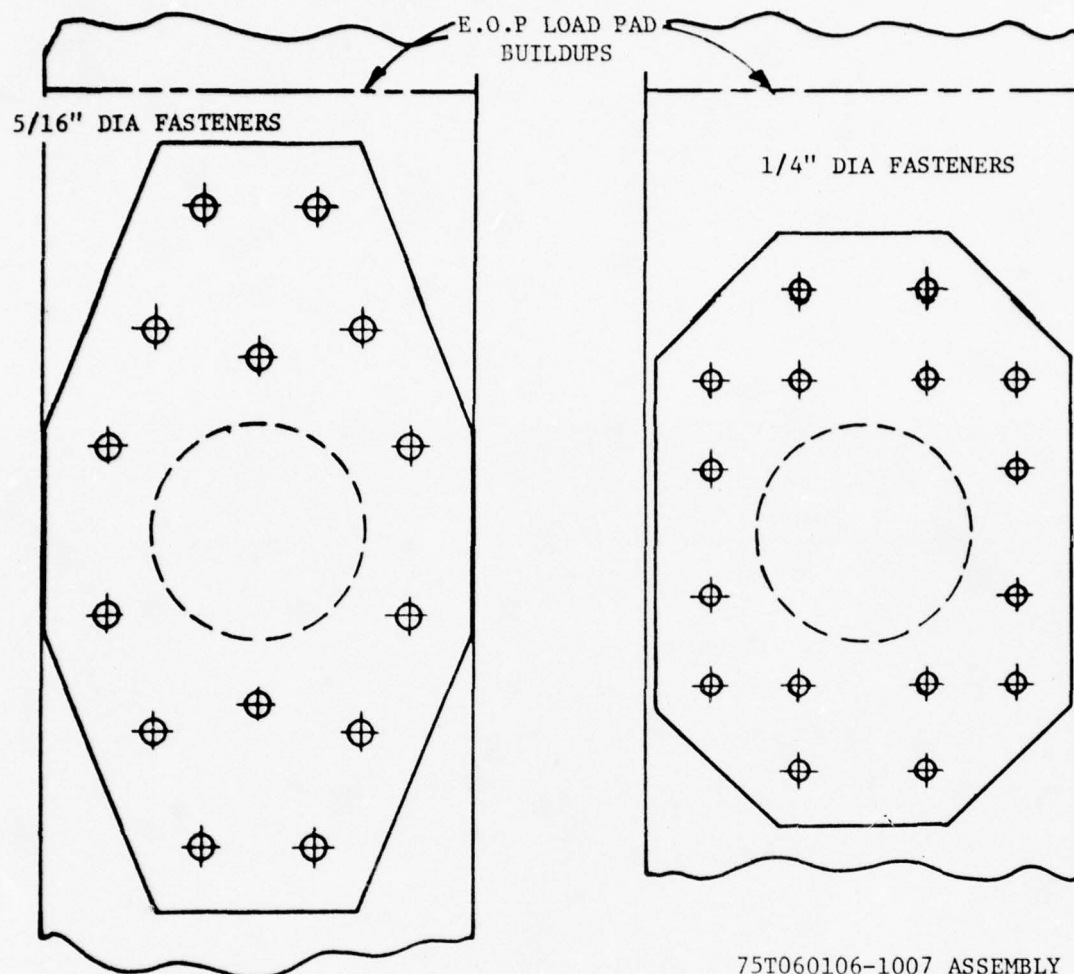
Figure 3-25 shows the two repair assemblies for a 1/2 in. laminate with a 2.50 in. hole. The table included in that figure lists the components in the assemblies (Ref Appendix A, Figures A-1, A-4 and A-6) developed using 1/4 in. dia bolts in one patch and 5/16 in. dia bolts in the other.

Initial tests of these specimens show the 75T060106-1005 (5/16 inch dia fastener) configuration failed at 91,750 lb and 3991  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  average laminate strain. Failure was in the net section across the damage hole, See Figure 3-26. The 75T060106-1007 specimen (1/4 in. fasteners) failed at 91,500 lb and 3829  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  strain. The failure mode also occurred in the net section of the hole. See Figure 3-27.

The failed loads and laminate strains for these two configurations were essentially the same. The 1/4 in. fastener repair was chosen for follow-on testing because in all prior tests, where 5/16 and 1/4 in. fasteners were compared, the smaller fastener had produced better results.

The configuration was also chosen to test a stiffer patch material. It was hoped that a stiffer patch would pick up more of the load, thus relieving the laminate in the damage area.

The first follow-on test was performed on a repair which was identical in geometry to the 75T060106-1007 (1/4 in. bolts), except the patch and backing plate were made of stainless steel. The modulus of steel is roughly twice that of titanium, and is the same material used for repair patches on F-4 aircraft. The assembly is the 75T060106-1017 specimen as noted in Figure 3-25.



75T060106-1007 ASSEMBLY  
(TITANIUM PATCH)

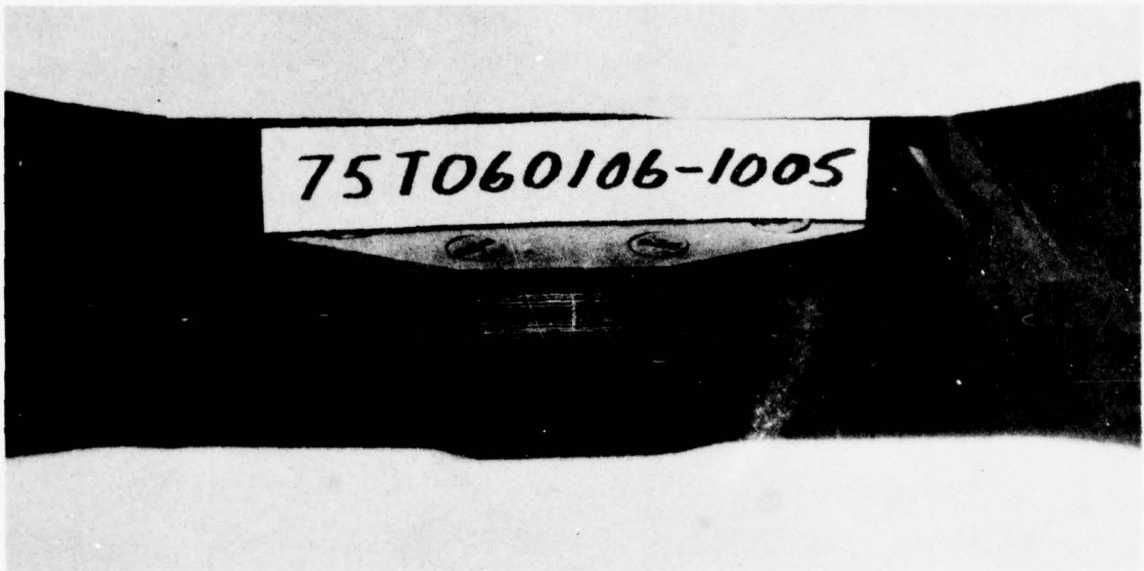
75T060106-1017 ASSEMBLY\*  
(STEEL PATCH)

\*ALTERNATE CONFIGURATION TESTED DURING  
FOLLOW-ON TEST PHASE (1 SPECIMEN)

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers	
	5/16 in. Fastener Config	1/4 in. Fastener Config
Repair Assy	75T060106-1005	75T060106-1007
Patch Details	75T060104-2003/-1007	75T060104-2001/-1005
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1013	75T060101-1013

FIGURE 3-25 1/2 LAMINATE 2.5 DIA DAMAGE HOLE REPAIR DESIGNS





**FIGURE 3-26**  
**FAILED 75T060106-1005 SPECIMEN**  
1/2 Laminate 2.5 Diameter Damage Hole

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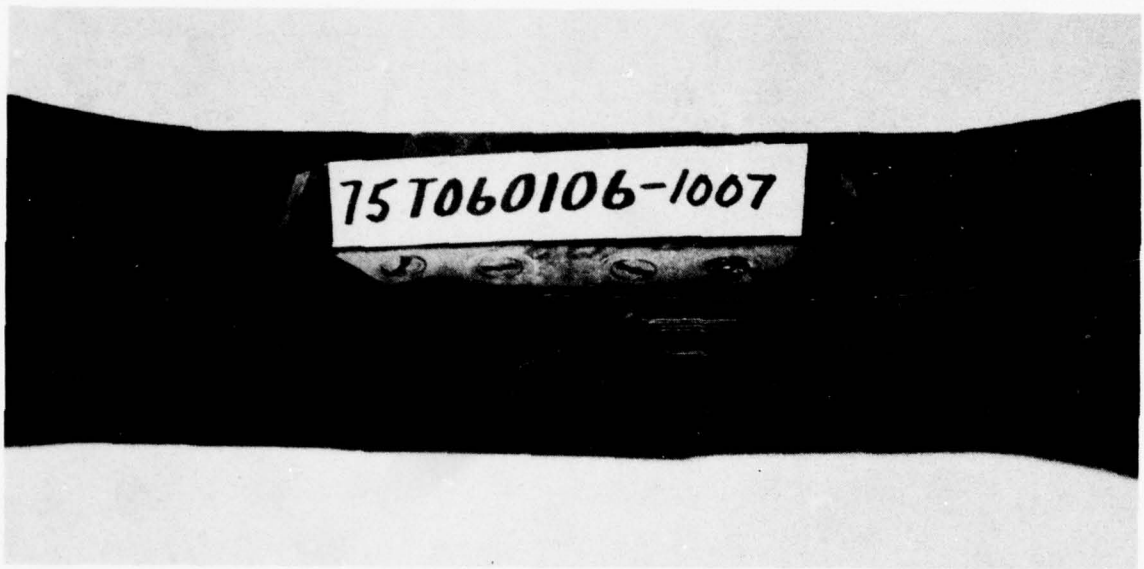


FIGURE 3-27  
FAILED 75T060106-1007 SPECIMEN  
1/2 Laminate 2.5 Diameter Damage Hole

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Testing the assembly with the steel patch revealed no significant improvement. The specimen failed at 92,750 lb, with an average laminate strain of 3828  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  Measured patch strain was 909  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  which, when ratioed according to modulus, compares exactly to the strain in the titanium patch. The specimen failed in the net section across the damage hole.

Since no improvement was noted, the final specimen was tested with a titanium patch. Table 3.8 summarizes the results: (Complete data is in Appendix B, Figures B-19 to B-22)

Specimen 75T060106	Failure Load		Strain of Failure $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1005	91750	18350	3991	12060	1544	.39
-1007	91500	18350	3829	13168	1647	.43
-1017	92750	18550	3828	13522	909/1648*	.24 / .43*
-1007 #2	93100	18187	3844	13748	1520	.40

\*(Ratioed up by 29.0/16.0 - modulus of steel/modulus of titanium)

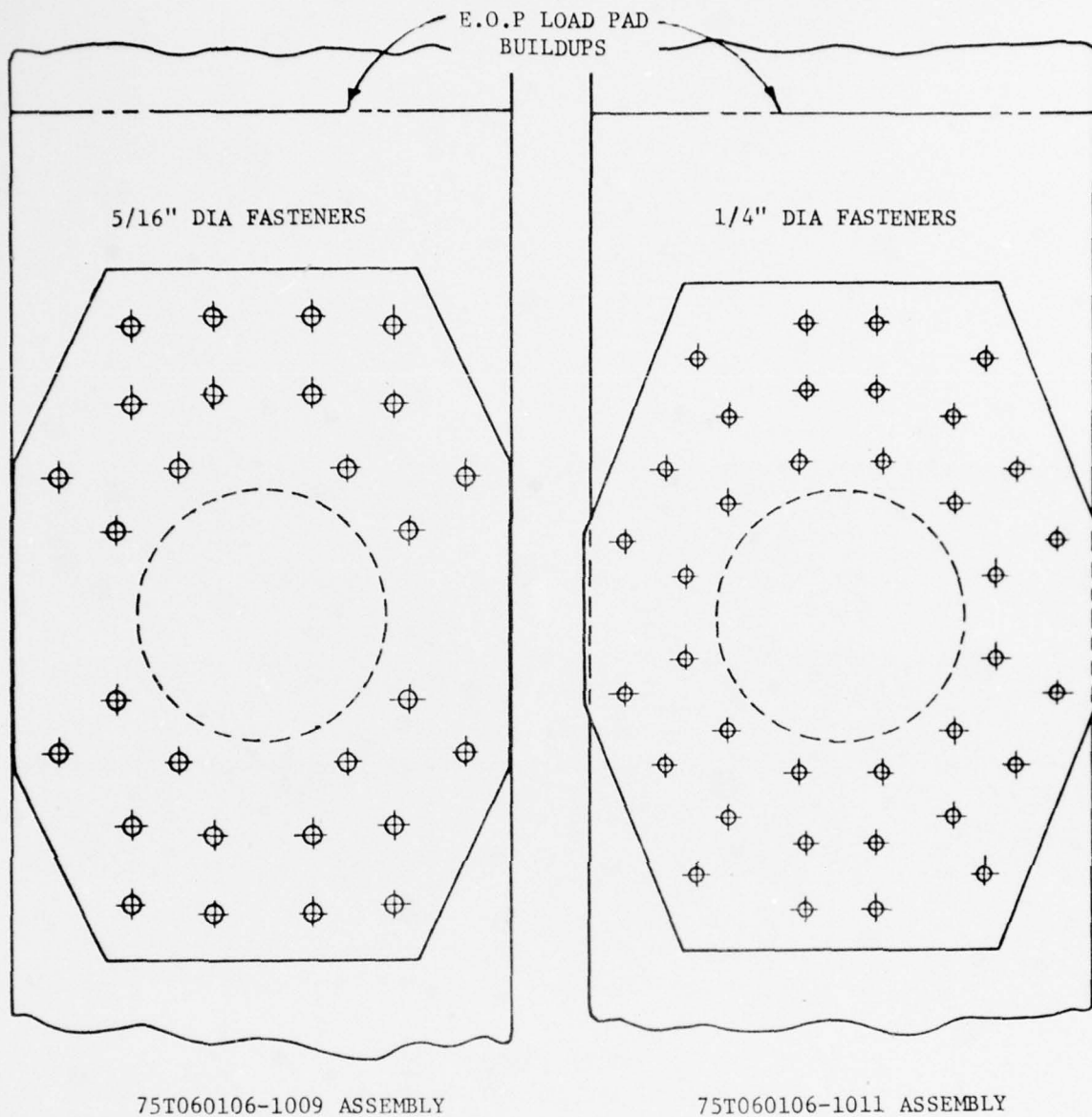
TABLE 3.8 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 1/2 LAMINATE - 2.5 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

### 3.9 TESTING OF 1/2 INCH LAMINATES WITH 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

The two repair configurations designed for a 1/2 in. laminate with a 4.0 inch dia damage hole are sketched in Figure 3-28. The table in that figure list the detailed parts which go into each assembly (Ref Appendix A, Figures A-1, A-4 and A-6). One configuration, 75T060106-1009 has twenty-eight 5/16 in. fasteners. The other repair patch has thirty-six 1/4 in. fasteners (75T060106-1011).

In the intial test phase the 75T060106-1009 (5/16 fastener) repair failed at 145,500 lb and an average laminate strain of 3876  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The laminate failed across the net section of the damage hole area as shown in Figure 3-29. The strain in the patch at failure was 1920  $\mu\text{in./in.}$

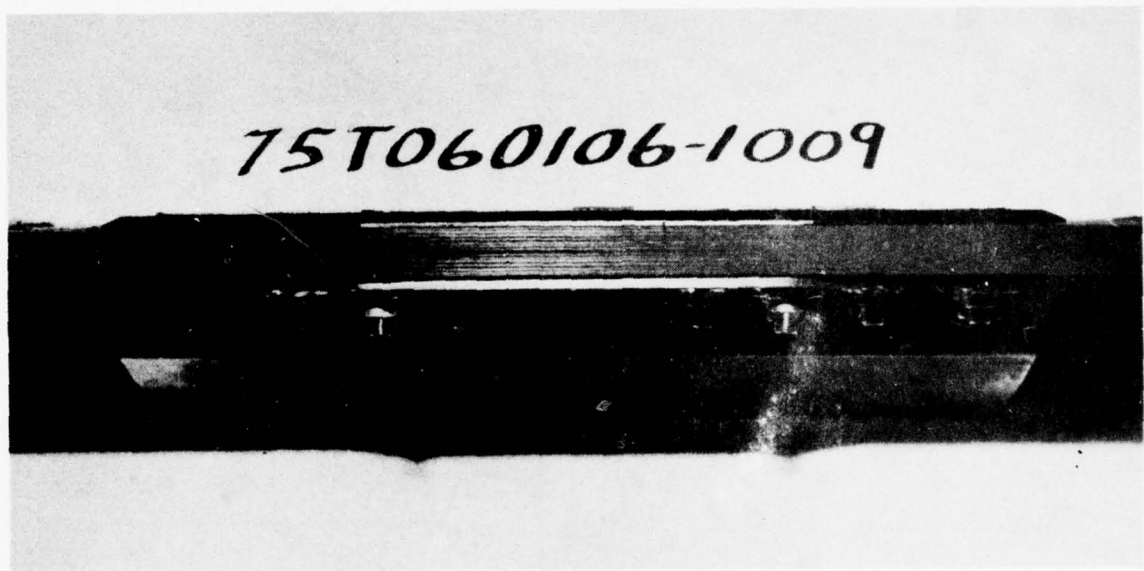
The 75T060106-1011 repair failed at 156,500 lb and 4050  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  average laminate strain. Failure in the panel was also across the damage hole net section as shown in Figure 3-30. At failure most of the patch fasteners on half of the patch deformed severely and five bolt heads broke off.



Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers	
	5/16 in. Fastener Config (28 Fasteners)	1/4 in. Fastener Config (36 Fasteners)
Repair Assy	75T060106-1009	75T060106-1011
Patch Details	75T060104-2005/-1009	75T060104-2007/-1011
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1015	75T060101-1015

FIGURE 3-28 1/2 LAMINATE 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE REPAIR DESIGNS





**FIGURE 3-29**  
**FAILED 75T060106-1009 SPECIMEN**  
**1/2 Laminate 4.0 Diameter Damage Hole**

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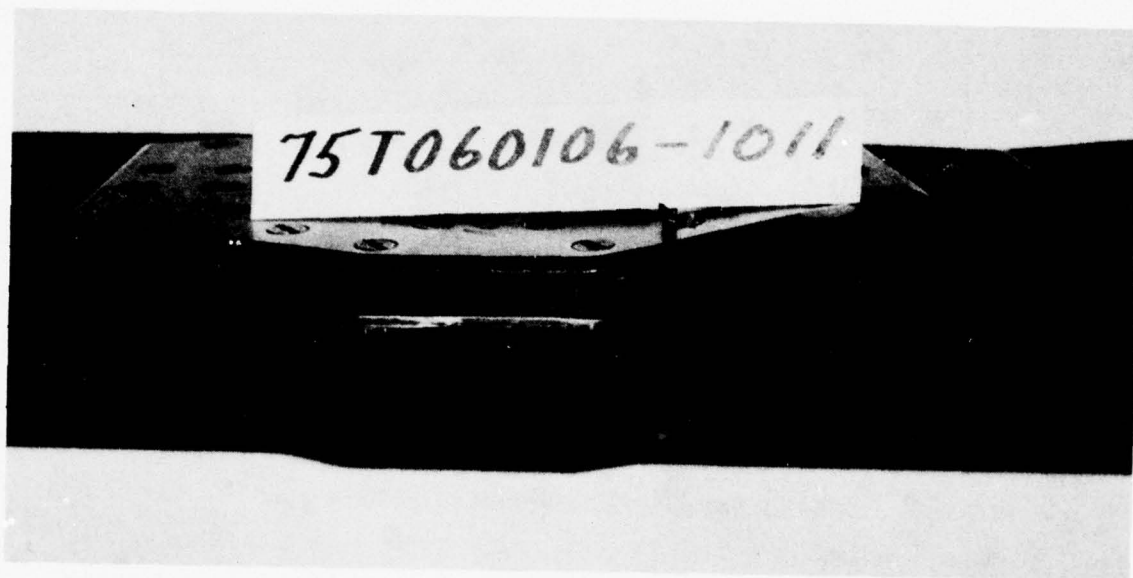


FIGURE 3-30  
FAILED 75T060106-1011 SPECIMEN  
1/2 Laminate 4.0 Diameter Damage Hole

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The strain in the patch at failure was 2868  $\mu\text{in./in.}$

The 75T060106-1011 (1/4 in. fastener) repair withstood a higher load and the patch strain was considerably higher, so it was chosen for follow-on testing. The follow-on testing produced failures at 152,750 and 167,750 lb with strains in the laminate of 3995 and 4325  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  respectively. Failure modes were identical to the first specimen of that configuration. Table 3.9 summarizes the significant test data. (Complete strain data is in Appendix B, Figures B-23 to B-26).

Specimen 75T060106	Failure Load		Strain of Failure $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1009	145,500	18,187	3872	9,579	1920	.50
-1011 #1	156,500	19,560	4050	12,192	2868	.71
-1011 #2	152,750	19,093	3995	11,500	2459	.62
-1011 #3	167,750	20,969	4325	13,323	2692	.62

TABLE 3.9 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 1/2 LAMINATE - 4.0 DIA DAMAGE HOLE

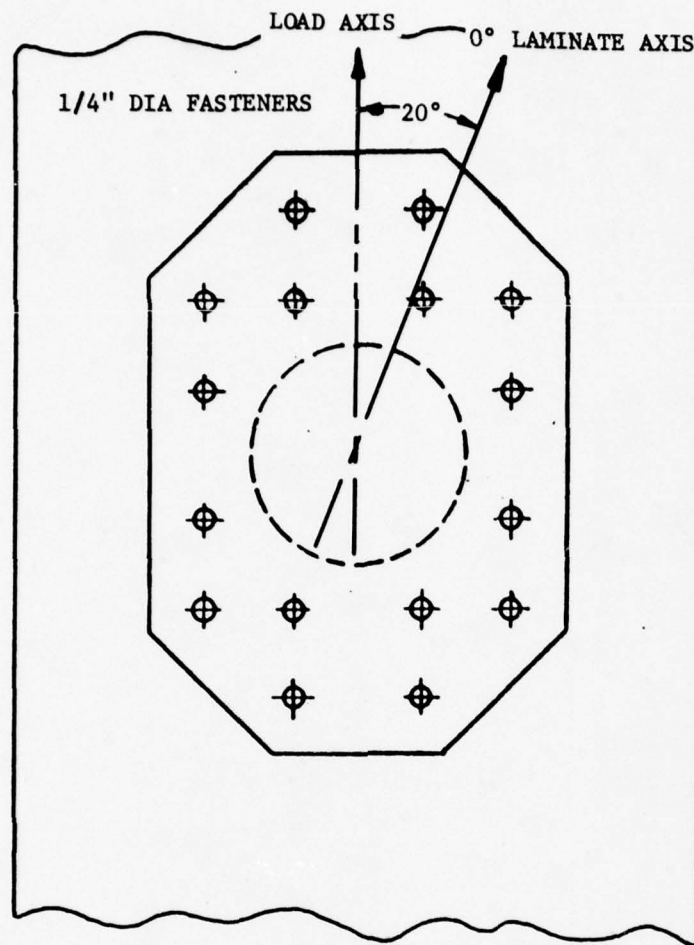
### 3.10 TESTING OF 1/2 INCH LAMINATE OFF-AXIS SPECIMEN

The patch chosen for the 1/2 in. laminate off-axis specimen was the 1/4 in. fastener design for a 2.50 in. hole. Figure 3-31 is a drawing of the patch configuration and a table listing the parts in the assembly. (Refer to the engineering drawings, Figures A-1, A-4, and A-6 in Appendix A.

The laminate was fabricated with the 0° axis of the layup oriented 20° off the load direction. The patch was mounted in line with the load line.

The specimen failed at 150,000 lb and a strain of 4,178  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The patch strain was 1,502  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  at failure while the strain at the edge of the hole was 15,078  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  The laminate failed through the damage hole along a line roughly perpendicular to the 0° axis of the laminate. Figure 3-32 is a photograph of the failed specimen.

Table 3.10 summarizes the test results. Complete strain gage data is presented in Appendix B, Figure B-27.

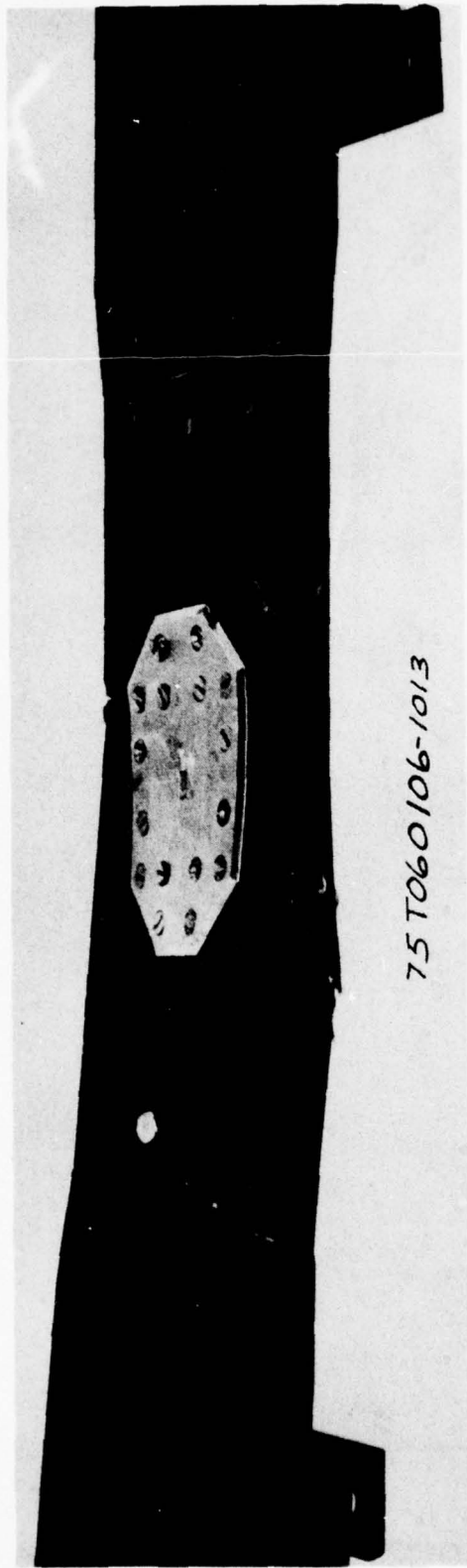


75T060106-1013 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
Repair Assy	75T060106-1013
Patch Details	75T060104-2001/-1005
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1019

FIGURE 3-31 1/2 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS REPAIR DESIGN





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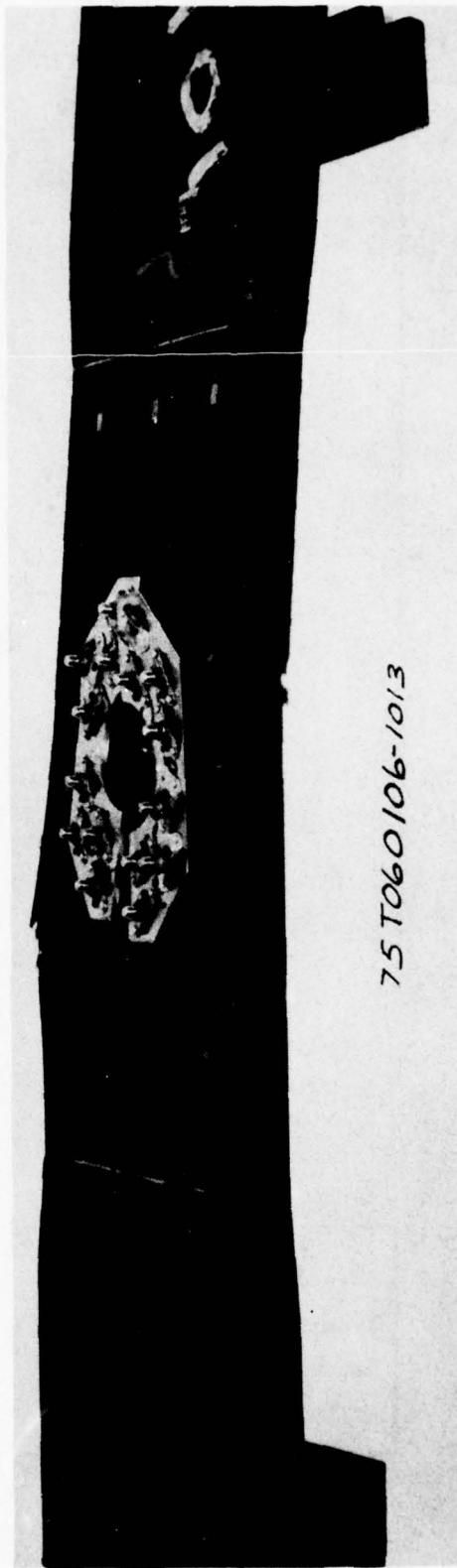


FIGURE 3-32  
FAILED 1/2 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS SPECIMEN

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Specimen 75T060106	Failure Load		Strain at Failure $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Stress Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1013	150,000	18,750	4,178	15,078	1,502	.36

TABLE 3.10 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 1/2 LAMINATE OFF-AXIS TEST

3.11 TESTING OF 1/2 INCH LAMINATE COMPRESSION SPECIMEN

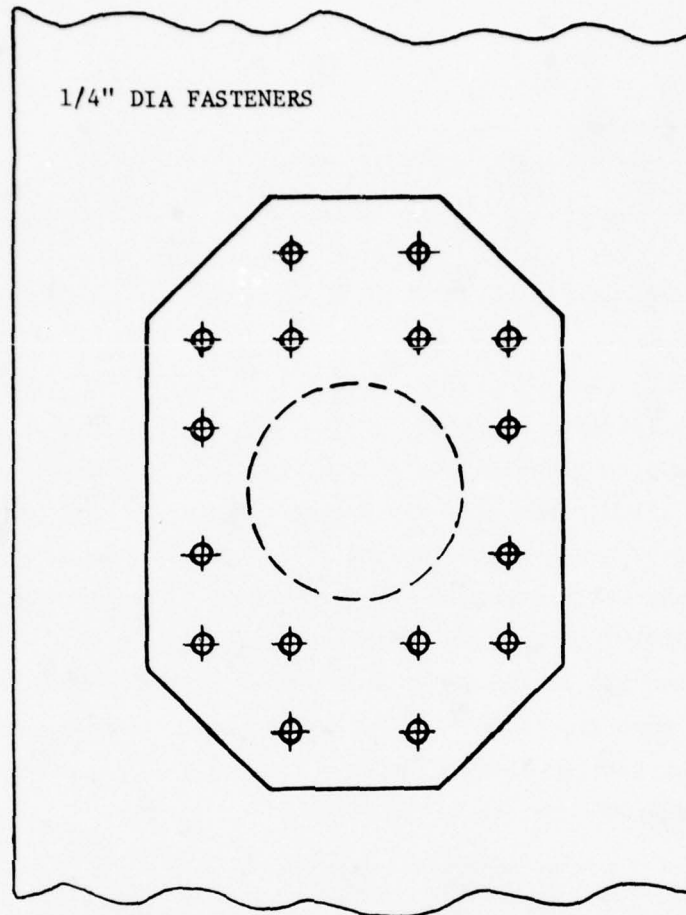
The repair patch used on the 1/2 in. laminate compression specimen was the design which performed best on the tension test of the 2.50 in. dia hole. Figure 3-33 shows the patch and a list of component parts.

The specimen was restrained along its edges by support pipes described in drawing 75T060107 (Figure A-7, Appendix A).

The specimen was loaded to an average laminate strain of 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  while data was recorded, then the load was removed. The undamaged specimen is scheduled for fatigue testing later. Table 3.11 summarizes the data recorded at the 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  load level.

Specimen 75T060106	Max. Load Applied		Max. Strain $\mu\text{in./in.}$			Strain Ratio Patch/Laminate
	lb	lb/in.	Laminate	Hole	Patch	
-1015	154,000	19250	4042	11626	1621	.40

TABLE 3.11 SUMMARY OF TEST DATA - 1/2 LAMINATE COMPRESSION TEST



75T060106-1015 ASSEMBLY

Part Name	Drawing Part Numbers
Repair Assy	75T060106-1015
Patch Details	75T060104-2001/-1005
Gr/Ep Specimen	75T060101-1017

FIGURE 3-33 1/2 LAMINATE COMPRESSION REPAIR DESIGN

#### 4. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

Table 4-1 summarizes the significant test data. The 3/16 in. laminates, except for one specimen, all demonstrated a laminate strain level in excess of the target 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  strain. Eight out of fourteen 1/2 in. thick repaired laminates exceeded the 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  target strain level and the remaining 6 specimens all reached within 4% of the target strain.

##### 4.1 EFFECTIVENESS OF REPAIRS

The effectiveness of a laminate repair can be obtained by dividing the gross strain of the repaired laminates at failure by the average failing strain of similar undamaged laminates. In this study, the data for an undamaged laminate were taken from the coupon tests performed for the YAV-8B/AV-8B program Ref (1), which showed an average failing strain of 5200  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  This value was used to calculate a repair effectiveness value for each specimen tested which is shown in Table 4.2.

It can be seen that the repairs restored the laminates to between 74% and 121% of the baseline strength of an undamaged panel. In actuality, of course, none of the laminates were restored to more than 100% baseline strength. Any values of repair effectiveness beyond unity can be attributed to normal material variability which, due to the limited number of specimens of each concept tested, was not accounted for in this study.

Evaluating the performance of the repair concepts solely on the basis of the gross failure strain may be misleading because the degree of improvement required for the repair varies with the size of the damage. For instance, as shown in Table 2.2, the hole edge failure strain of an unrepaired panel containing a 2.5 in. hole is 42% lower than that of a similar panel with a 1.0 in. diameter hole. Consequently, the repair for the panel with the 1.0 in. hole need not be as effective as that for a 2.5 in. hole in order to achieve the same gross strain level.

An improvement ratio was calculated for each specimen by dividing the actual average laminate strain at failure by the calculated maximum strain of an unrepaired laminate. Table 4.2 summarizes these data.



3/16 LAMINATES TEST DATA

DAMAGE HOLE DIAMETER	SPECIMEN 75T060105	FAILURE LOAD		STRAIN AT FAILURE $\mu\text{in./in.}$		STRAIN RATIO PATCH LAMINATE
		LB	LB/IN.	LAMINATE	HOLE	
1.0	-1001	23,300	6,714	3,846	19,914	0.01
1.0	-1003	25,000	7,142	4,039	+10,000 $\Delta_1$	0.05
2.5	-1005#1	46,000	9,220	5,316	+10,000 $\Delta_1$	0.30
2.5	-1005#2	42,100	8,420	4,893	-	0.28
2.5	-1005#3	46,600	9,320	5,358	15,441	0.28
2.5	-1007	36,400	7,280	4,291	13,605	0.20
2.5 $\Delta_4$	-1009 $\Delta_2$	(35,000)	(4,375)	-2,720	-5,430 $\Delta_3$	0.14
4.0	-1011	62,500	7,812	4,540	11,389	0.30
4.0	-1013	65,500	8,187	4,758	10,220	0.36
4.0	-1015#1	64,500	8,062	4,774	10,731	0.32
4.0	-1015#2	67,500	8,437	4,896	10,208	0.32
2.5 $\Delta_5$	-1017	73,700	9,212	6,233	10,981	0.23
1.0	-1019#1	37,000	10,571	5,712	15,175	0.15
1.0	-1019#2	35,600	10,171	5,604	13,083	0.17

$\Delta_1$  Strain Range Set at 10,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$

$\Delta_2$  Panel Buckled

$\Delta_3$  Patch Buckled

$\Delta_4$  Compression Specimen

$\Delta_5$  Off Axis Specimen

NOTE: Complete strain gage data is presented in Appendix B

TABLE 4.1 - SUMMARY OF REPAIR TEST DATA

1/2 LAMINATES TEST DATA

DAMAGE HOLE DIAMETER	SPECIMEN 75T060106	FAILURE LOAD		STRAIN AT FAILURE μin./in.			STRAIN RATIO PATCH LAMINATE
		LB	LB/IN.	LAMINATE	HOLE	PATCH	
2.5	-1005	91,750	18,350	3,991	12,060	1,554	0.39
2.5	-1007#1	91,500	18,350	3,829	13,168	1,647	0.43
2.5	-1007#2	93,100	18,620	3,844	13,748	1,520	0.40
4.0	-1009	145,500	18,187	3,872	9,579	1,920	0.50
4.0	-1011#1	156,500	19,560	4,050	12,192	2,868	0.71
4.0	-1011#2	152,750	19,093	3,995	11,500	2,459	0.62
4.0	-1011#3	167,750	20,969	4,325	13,323	2,692	0.62
2.5	-1013	150,000	18,750	4,178	15,078	1,502	0.36
2.5	-1015 <sup>1</sup>	154,000	19,250	4,042	11,626	1,621	0.40
2.5	-1017	92,750	18,550	3,828	13,522	909	.24
1.0	-1019	97,300	27,800	5,806	16,493	1,343	.23
1.0	-1021#1	98,600	28,171	6,306	17,745	827	0.13
1.0	-1021#2	94,300	26,942	5,814	(14,879)	856	0.15
1.0	-1021#3	92,800	26,514	5,832	14,925	903	0.15

<sup>1</sup> Specimen Not Tested to Failure

<sup>2</sup> Off Axis Specimen

<sup>3</sup> Compression Specimen

<sup>4</sup> Steel Patch

NOTE: Complete strain gage data is presented in Appendix B

TABLE 4.1 - SUMMARY OF REPAIR TEST DATA (Continued)

SPECIMEN	PANEL THICKNESS (INCH)	HOLE DIAMETER (INCH)	REPAIR EFFECTIVENESS <sup>△1</sup>	IMPROVEMENT RATIO <sup>△2</sup>
75T060105-1001	3/16	1.0	.77	.97
-1003	↑	1.0	.77	1.04
-1005-1		2.5	1.02	1.93
-1005-2		2.5	.93	1.78
-1005-3		2.5	1.01	1.94
-1009		2.5	.83	1.56
-1011		4.0	.87	1.71
-1013		4.0	.91	1.79
-1015-1		4.0	.92	1.80
-1015-2		4.0	.94	1.85
-1017		2.5	1.20	2.26
-1019-1	↓	1.0	1.10	1.46
-1019-2		1.0	1.08	1.44
75T060106-1001	1/2	1.0	<sup>△3</sup>	<sup>△3</sup>
-1003	↑	1.0	<sup>△3</sup>	<sup>△3</sup>
-1005		2.5	.78	1.54
-1007-1		2.5	.74	1.39
-1007-2		2.5	.74	1.39
-1009		4.0	.75	1.46
-1011-1		4.0	.78	1.53
-1011-2		4.0	.77	1.51
-1011-3		4.0	.83	1.63
-1013		2.5	.80	1.52
-1017		2.5	.74	1.39
-1019	↓	1.0	1.12	1.49
-1021-1		1.0	1.21	1.62
-1021-2		1.0	1.12	1.49
-1021-3		1.0	1.12	1.50

<sup>△1</sup> STRENGTH OF REPAIRED PANEL/STRENGTH OF BASELINE PANEL

<sup>△2</sup> STRENGTH OF REPAIRED PANEL/STRENGTH OF UNREPAIRED PANEL

<sup>△3</sup> NOT FABRICATED. REPLACED BY 75T060106-1019 AND -1021 SPECIMENS.

TABLE 4.2 SUMMARY OF REPAIR PERFORMANCE

The improvement ratio summary, with the exception of the 75T060105-1001 and -1003 specimens, shows that the repaired specimens were improved by at least 39% over an unrepaired specimen. Furthermore, specimens 75T060106-1005, -1007, -1013 and -1017 for the 2.5 in. hole, while failing to attain the target strain level of 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ , had improvement ratios comparable to the 75T060106-1021 specimens, all of which exceeded a gross strain of 5,800  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  before failing. Consequently, it must be concluded that the repairs for the 1/2 in. laminates with 2.5 in. holes were as efficient as those for the 1.0 in. holes in spite of the large difference in strain levels. Using the improvement ratio in this manner, the relative performance of differing repair designs for different hole diameters can be compared.

#### 4.2 COMPARISON BETWEEN THEORY AND TEST
















Table 4.3 summarizes a comparison between theoretical predictions and test results. Shown are the predicted and measured strains at the hole edge when the gross laminate strain is 4,000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  and the predicted and measured gross strain level at failure. The comparison of the hole strain serves as a measure of the validity of the compliance model analysis procedure. The comparison of the gross failure strains serves as a measure of the validity of the strength criterion applied to the specimen.

Table 4.3 shows that with the exception of the 75T060106-1021-1, -2, and -3 the predicted and measured strains agree to within 5 to 20%. The agreement is considered to be satisfactory in view of the complexity of the analysis and the many simplifications necessary to make it tractable.

It is significant that the analysis showed a high sensitivity to fastener clearance. The drawing tolerances on the fasteners and holes allow clearance from 0.000 to 0.0027 inches. No attempt was made to control or verify these tolerances beyond normal shop procedures.

Frictional clamp-up between the patch and panel was ignored. Careful analysis of the test data shows evidence that frictional forces did exist. Figure 4-1 shows a plot of load vs. the ratio of patch strain to laminate strain for the 75T060105-1003 specimen. In the absence of friction and fastener clearance, the strain ratio would be constant for all load levels. However, the test data shows that the ratio initially starts at a high value, then drops rapidly as the loading is increased, until at 9,000 lb., the ratio bottoms out and then begins increasing with load all the way to failure.



SPECIMEN	HOLE STRAIN $\epsilon_o = 4,000 \mu\text{in./in.}$ $\mu\text{in./in.}$		GROSS STRAIN AT FAILURE $\mu\text{in./in.}$ 	
	PREDICTED	ACTUAL	PREDICTED	ACTUAL
75T060105-1001	16,632	19,958 	3,900	3,846
-1003	15,237		4,299	4,039
-1005-1	11,430	9,904	4,051	5,316
-1005-2	11,430		4,051	4,893
-1005-3	11,430	11,246	4,051	5,358
-1007	13,320	12,682	3,476	4,291
-1011	11,160	10,025	3,992	4,540
-1013	9,540	8,825	4,670	4,758
-1015-1	8,640	8,806	5,156	4,774
-1015-2	8,640	8,103	5,156	4,890
-1017		7,047		6,233
-1019-1	10,440	10,627	6,724	5,712
-1019-2	10,440	9,338	6,724	5,604
75T060106-1001	16,750		3,910	
-1003	16,212		4,041	
-1005	11,593	12,200 4	4,019	3,991
-1007-1	13,320	14,207 4	3,476	3,829
-1007-2	13,320	14,305 4	3,476	3,844
-1009	10,265	9,905 4	4,670	3,872
-1011-1	10,374	11,976	4,295	4,050
-1011-2	10,374	11,560	4,295	3,995
-1011-3	10,374	12,322	4,295	4,325
-1013		14,436		4,178
-1015		11,505		4,042
-1017	11,340	14,075 	4,083	3,828
-1019	13,608	11,362	4,815	5,806
-1021-1	15,372	11,256	4,785	6,306
-1021-2	15,372	10,621	4,785	5,814
-1021-3	15,372	10,417	4,785	5,832



NOT ANALYZED BY COMPLIANCE MODEL



STRAIN GAGE FAILED



SPECIMEN NOT FABRICATED



EXTRAPOLATED



AVERAGE OF GAGES 1, 2, 5 & 6; SEE FIGURE 3.3, OR AVERAGE OF GAGES 1 & 2; SEE FIGURE 3.4.

TABLE 4.3 COMPARISON BETWEEN COMPLIANCE MODEL PREDICTIONS AND TEST RESULTS

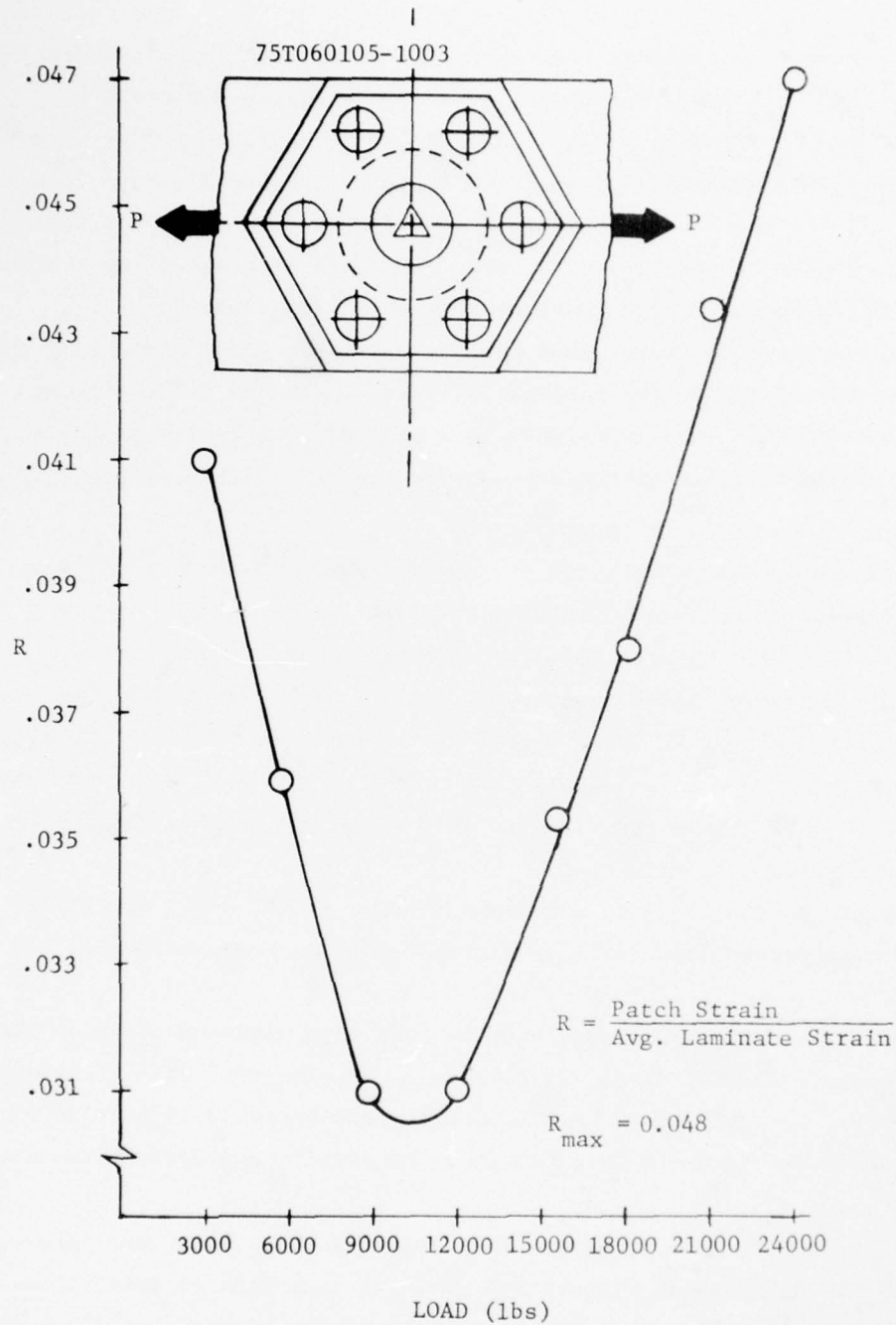


FIGURE 4-1 PLOT OF RATIO OF REPAIR PATCH STRAIN/GROSS LAMINATE STRAIN VS. LOAD  
FOR 75T060105-1003

Initially, due to fastener clearances, the only load transferred to the patch is through friction. Consequently the patch strain increases at a lower rate than the laminate strain. This causes a decrease in the strain ratio (R) with increasing load. At 9,000 lb the fasteners begin to load the patch. As fastener clearances are gradually overcome by strain, the strain ratio begins to increase with load. When all clearances are removed the strain ratio should remain constant with increasing load.

Figure 4-1 shows positive slope up to the failure point indicating that the specimen failed before the fastener clearances allowed fully effective loading on the patch. This inference is supported by a review of the test data. The specimen failed in the net section and very little strain (200  $\mu\text{in./in.}$ ) was measured on the patch.

Such behavior is characteristic of repair concepts with a relatively small axial separation between fastener rows due to the preload required to overcome the initial clearance. On the other hand, repair concepts with a larger axial separation between fastener rows are less affected by clearance. In Figure 4-2, the change in the slope of the curve shows that the 75T060105-1013 specimen clearance effects have been partially overcome at the moment of failure. The lack of an initial decrease in strain ratio above 7,000 pounds is not evident in this test.

In contrast to the reasonable agreement noted on all other specimens, the hole strain predictions for the 75T060106-1021 were overestimated by nearly 65%.

The 4-bolt 75T060106-1021 specimen was even more anomalous because its performance was virtually identical to that of the larger 8-bolt 75T060106-1019 specimen. The additional four fasteners were expected to provide a 15% increase in strain capability; however, no significant differences were noted.

Test records reveal no adequate explanation; in fact, the results are contradictory. As shown by Figures 4-3 and 4-4, the patch to laminate strain ratio at failure for the 8-bolt repair was almost 80% higher than the strain ratio for the 4-bolt specimen. This implies that the former specimen could be loaded to a higher strain level before failing at the hole. Yet, it failed through the net section at a lower strain level than the 4-bolt repair. The

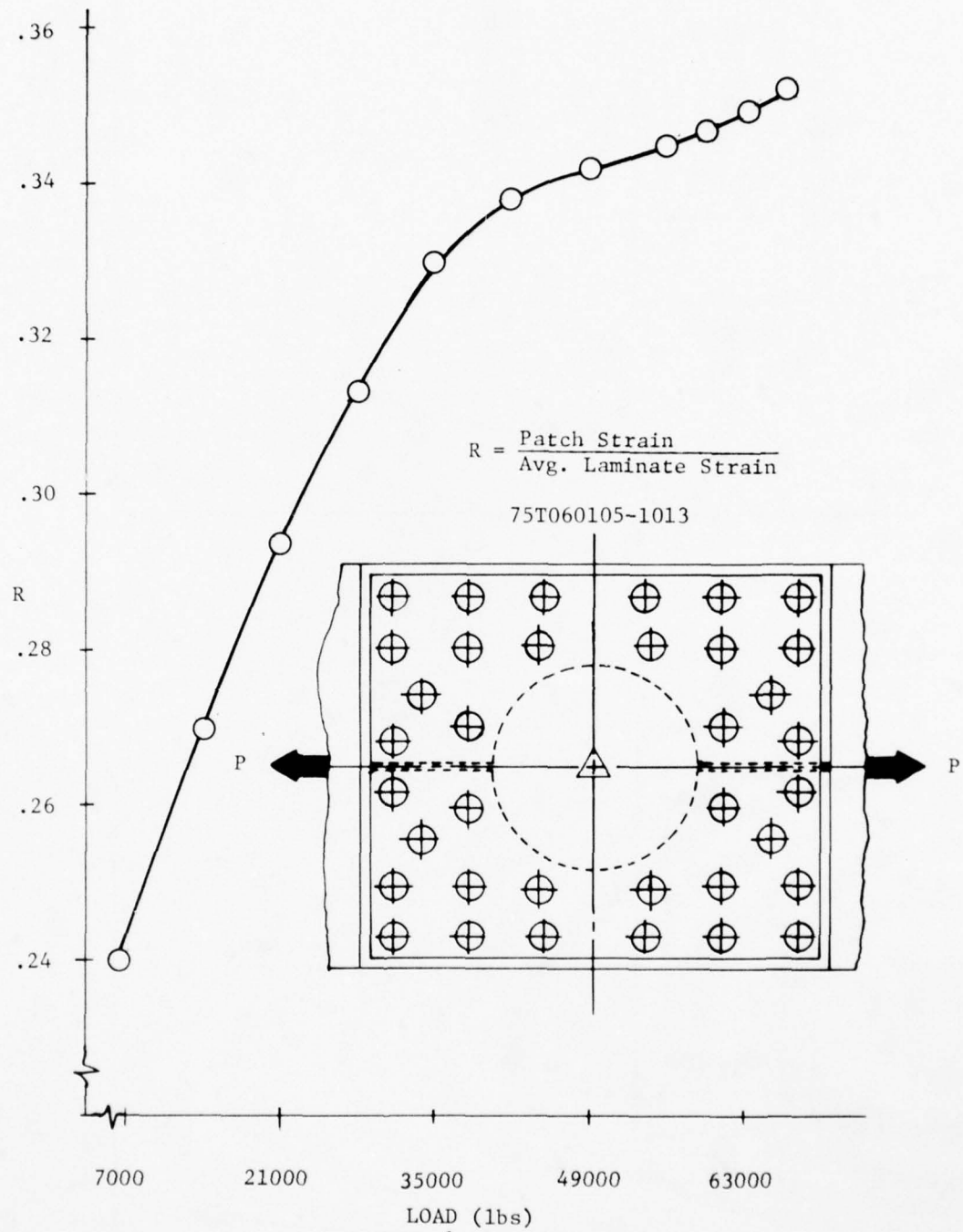


FIGURE 4-2 PLOT OF RATIO OF REPAIR PATCH STRAIN/GROSS LAMINATE STRAIN VS. LOAD FOR 75T060105-1013



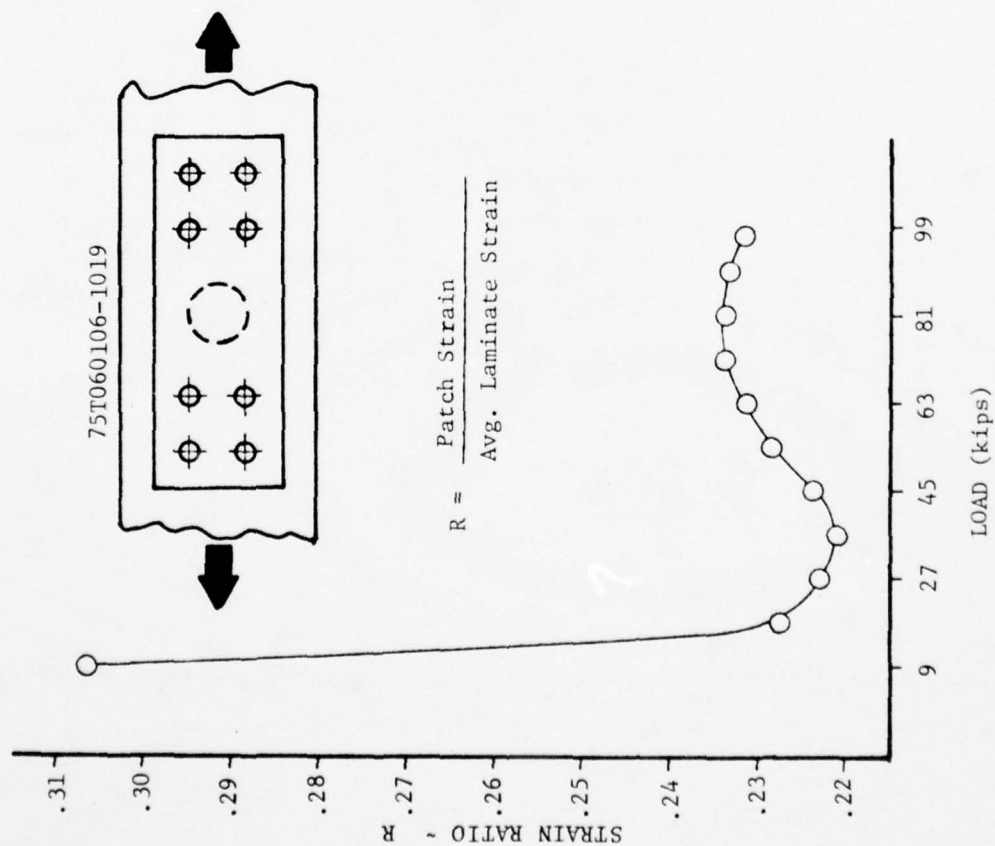


FIGURE 4-3 STRAIN RATIO VS LOAD FOR 75T060106-1019 SPECIMEN

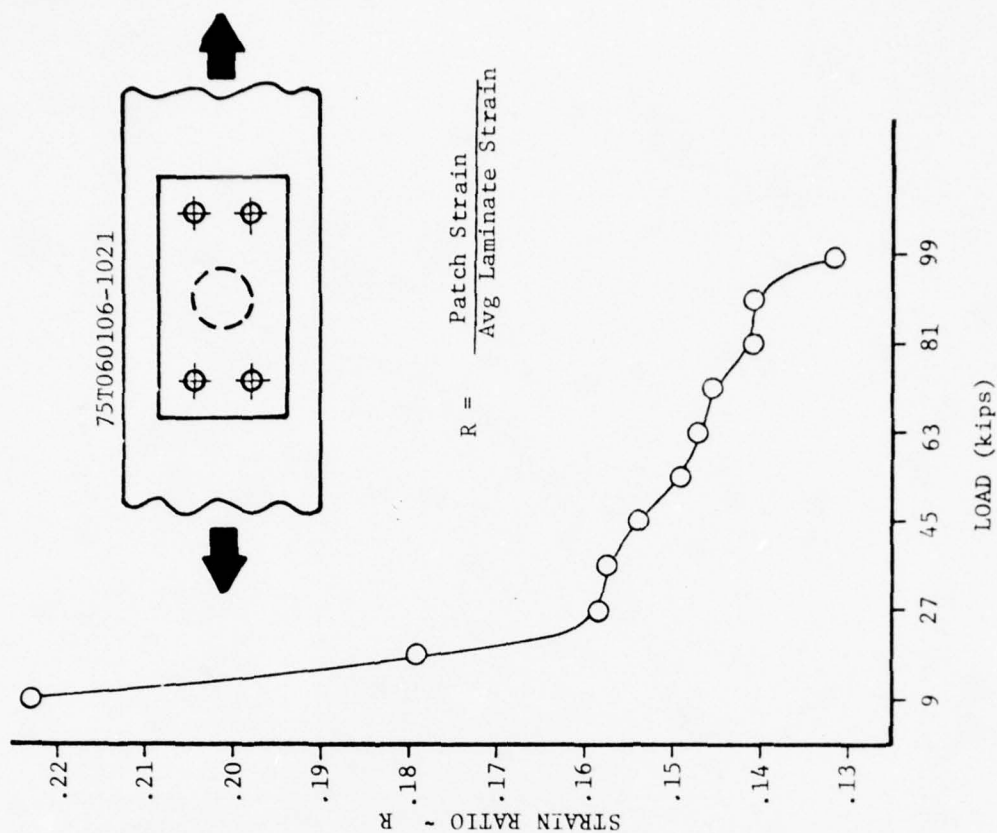


FIGURE 4-4 STRAIN RATIO VS LOAD FOR 75T060106-1021 SPECIMEN

4-bolt repair failed at a fastener line. The 8-bolt specimen geometry possibly prevented the outermost fasteners from being effectively loaded due to their proximity to the load pad buildups. Additional testing of these two repair designs is necessary before adequate conclusions can be made.

Table 4.3 shows generally good agreement exists between the predicted and actual gross failure strains. The analysis predicts the failures will initiate at the edge of the damage hole for all specimens. The 1/2 in. laminates all failed in this manner. The 3/16 in. laminates, except for the initial 1.0 hole designs, all failed at the outermost row of fasteners. This can be attributed to the magnification of bearing stress caused by rigid body tilting of the fasteners. This tilting occurs in the 3/16 in. panels because the 0.040 in. backing plates are ineffective in load transfer and cause the fasteners to be loaded in single shear.

Table 4.4 summarizes the hole strain at failure for the specimens which failed at the hole. The average failure strains for the 1.00, 2.50 and 4.00 in. holes agree quite closely with the maximum allowable hole strains predicted. (The predicted strains shown previously in Table 2.2 are included in Table 4.4 for convenience.) This agreement verifies that the role of size in reducing the strength of the laminate can be explained using the "characteristic dimension" theory (Ref. 6) and secondly, that a rational failure criterion exists for designing repairs.

SPECIMEN	HOLE DIA INCH	HOLE STRAIN AT FAILURE μin./in.	AVG HOLE STRAIN AT μin./in.	PREDICTED HOLE EDGE FAILURE STRAIN μin./in. (from Table 2-2)
75T060105-1003 75T060106-1021-1 -1021-2 -1021-3 -1019	1.0	19,914 17,745 14,879 14,925 16,493	16,791	16,380
75T060106-1005 -1007-1 -1007-2 -1017	2.5	12,060 13,168 13,748 13,522	13,125	11,575
75T060106-1009 -1011-3	4.0	9,579 13,323	11,451	11,138

TABLE 4.4 SUMMARY OF MEASURED HOLE STRAIN AT FAILURE  
VS. HOLE DIAMETER

## 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The program has demonstrated that mechanically attached patches that are designed for installation by field personnel can be used to repair damaged graphite/epoxy laminates. With the exception of two early specimens, the repairs all produced strength improvements of at least 39% over the unrepaired panels. Also most repaired panels withstood over 4000  $\mu\text{in./in.}$  strain. The program also demonstrated that the repair concepts can be designed and analyzed using rapid, simple techniques.

The improvement ratio has been shown to be a convenient parameter for adjusting differences in the performance of differing repair designs to account for specimen size. However, because of the limited scope of this program, tests were not performed to determine (1) the actual baseline strength of the undamaged laminate (2) the strengths of the unrepaired laminates. While the predicted strengths employed in this study for the unrepaired laminates show good agreement with the measured failure strains at the hole edge, future test programs should include these additional specimens in order to precisely calibrate the effectiveness of each design.

Development efforts directed toward major task areas outlined below are recommended on the basis of the essential first step provided by this program in the area of field repairs of composite structures.

1. At the field repair level:
  - (a) Wing substructural involvement
  - (b) Assessment of strength and need to repair damaged structures
  - (c) Fatigue strength of repairs
  - (d) Feasibility of limited bonding
  - (e) Feasibility of composite repair patches
  - (f) Effect of laminate thicknesses, other than 3/16 and 1/2 inch thick, and different layups on design of repairs
2. At the depot repair level:
  - (a) Repair of sinewave graphite/epoxy substructure
  - (b) Structural beef-up
  - (c) Repair of large wing skin areas
  - (d) Improved bonding techniques
  - (e) NDT methods of damage assessment



## 6. COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL REPAIR WORK PACKAGE

The following paragraphs detail the procedures for installing a bolted repair patch on a damaged graphite/epoxy laminate.

It is imperative that the safety procedures and disposal methods be followed closely to minimize personal and environmental hazards.

When a damaged composite skin is to be repaired it is essential that the damage area size be established by a reliable form of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT). The total damage to the composite is often not accurately assessable visually.

The repairs discussed herein are only for wing torque box skins and cannot be used when substructural elements are involved.

### 6.1. SAFETY PROCEDURES

This defines the safety procedures that must be followed when working with graphite/epoxy laminates. The major wing structure elements are made of these materials. Personnel should be thoroughly familiar with these procedures before starting any repairs outlined in the following subordinate paragraphs.

#### WARNING

Health hazards related to graphite/epoxy laminates have not been determined. Gloves shall be worn when handling damaged structure. If an exposed graphite filament should penetrate the gloves and enter the skin, remove it with tweezers. A water filtered vacuum cleaner shall be used to remove and contain dust particles. A dust respirator and eye protection shall be worn when drilling, routing, grinding, or sanding graphite/epoxy laminates.

Graphite fibers have high electrical conductivity and can cause malfunction if allowed to get inside unsealed or unprotected electrical equipment.

### 6.2 DISPOSAL

Clean up and disposal of fibrous graphite and graphite/epoxy scrap shall be accomplished per the following four classes of waste material:

- I. Non-charred laminate composites, and scrapped parts.
- II. Pieces of laminate composite, accidentally burned in a fire, or any other laminate material in which excessive heat has degraded the ability of the resin to hold graphite fibers in place.

- III. Single fibers, fiber clumps, fragments, or other small fibrous scrap which could be easily transported by air currents or mechanical agitation.
- IV. Nonfibrous dust (particles length 0.025 or less) resulting from drilling and routing operations.

CAUTION

Under no circumstance, shall any class I, II or III material be incinerated or placed in a waste container scheduled for incineration.

Use the following procedure for clean up and disposal of waste material.

- I. Class I material will be placed in a waste container scheduled for dumping in a landfill.
- II. Class II material shall be placed in a polyethylene bag or wrapped in polyethylene film (if too large to bag), the polyethylene shall be sealed to prevent release of graphite fibers into the environment, and the material shall be placed in a waste container scheduled for dumping in a landfill.
- III. Class III material shall be cleaned up by first vacuuming the area and then sweeping up remaining fragments. The waste thus collected shall be disposed of same as class II material.
- IV. Class IV material may be cleaned up and disposed of following standard procedures for general production waste material.

### 6.3 CLASSIFICATION OF DAMAGE

Damage to graphite/epoxy laminated structure will be classified according to thickness, damage location, and the diameter of a circle which encloses the damage.

#### 6.3.1 WING SKIN DAMAGE

- a. Determine the extent of the broken and delaminated skin using non-destructive inspection methods per NAVAIR 01-AV8A-3-7 SWP 007 08B. Mark out-line of damage on the surface being repaired.
- b. Determine the smallest circle which will totally enclose the damaged area.
- c. Measure thickness of the skin in damaged area by ultrasonic inspection or mechanically by micrometer.

NOTE: The repairs described herein apply to 3/16 inch and 1/2 inch laminates.

- d. Select patch and backing plate configuration from Figure 6-1 to match hole size indicated by NDT (steps a & b). When damage hole size falls between patch sizes the larger patch must be used.

NOTE: Repair patches and backing plates are defined in Figures 6-2 and 6-3.

	1.0 in. Hole	2.5 in. Hole	4.0 in. Hole
3/16 in. Laminates	75T060104 -2011 Patch -1019 Backing Plate	75T060103 -2001 Patch -1001 Backing Plate	75T060103 -2013 Patch -1015 Backing Plate
1/2 in. Laminates	75T060104 -2013 Patch -1017 Backing Plate	75T060104 -2001 Patch -1005 Backing Plate	75T060104 -2007 Patch -1011 Backing Plate

FIGURE 6-1  
REPAIR PATCH CONFIGURATION

#### 6.4 REPAIR OF 1 TO 4-INCH HOLE IN 3/16-INCH OR 1/2-INCH LAMINATE

See Figures 6-2 and 6-3.

Damage to 3/16-inch thick graphite/epoxy laminated skin, which can be enclosed in a 1 to 4-inch circle, may be repaired using the mechanically fastened titanium alloy patches and backing plates shown in Figure 6-2.

Damage to 1/2-inch thick graphite/epoxy laminated skin, which can be enclosed in a 1 to 4-inch circle, may be repaired using the mechanically fastened titanium alloy patches and backing plates shown in Figure 6-3.

##### 6.4.1 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Safety Glasses or Eye Shield

Nylon Lab Coat

Nylon or Rubber Gloves

White Marking Pencils

Straight Edge

Drafting Compass

Scale or Ruler

Bushing, Slip Fit, 1-1/4 inches long, 0.2503 OD, 0.128 ID

Drill Bit, Similar to MCAIR Tool TFIM 25.0253-351

Drill Bit, Number 30

Drill Guide with 0.2504 ID Slip Fit Bushing

Drill Motor, 22,000 RPM, 3/8-inch Chuck

Fillet Fairing Tool, Similar to MCAIR Tool TD 596A

Respirator, Dust, Fine Filter

Router Bit, Similar to MCAIR Tool TD 595T-1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6

Sheetmetal Holder, Similar to MCAIR Tool WNX-1/4

Vacuum Cleaner, Water Filter Type.

##### 6.4.2 MATERIALS

Backing Plates (2), 75T060104-1019, 75T060103-1015 or 75T060103-1001  
per Figure 6-2 for 3/16-in. laminates

Patches, 75T060104-2011, 75T060103-2001 or 75T060103-2013  
per Figure 6-2 for 3/16-in. laminates

Backing Plates (2), 75T060104-1005, 75T060104-1011 or 75T060104-1017  
per Figure 6-3 for 1/2-in. laminates



Patches, 75T060104-2001, 75T060104-2007 or 75T060104-2013

per Figure 6-3 for 1/2-in. laminates

Bolts, ST3M430V4-6AS, as required for 3/16-in. laminates

Bolts, ST3M430V4-13AS, as required for 1/2-in. laminates

Paper, abrasive, P-P-101, 80 grit and 240 grit

Sealing Compound, PR 1422, class A-2 (05027) Products

Research and Chemical Corp.

Wiping Materials:

Cheesecloth, bleached-CCC-C-440

Keybak Aerospace Wipers, 877, (86159) Chicopee Mills, Inc.

Rymplecloth, 301, (97327) The Kendall Company

1, 1, 1-Trichloroethane, O-T-620

6.4.3 PROCEDURES

WARNING

Personnel working with graphite/epoxy laminates must be thoroughly familiar with the safety precautions in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2.

a. Layout and cut the smallest diameter hole which can enclose the damage area. Use drill motor and 1/4-inch router bit. Use vacuum cleaner continuously to remove dust.

b. Check to see that backing plate appropriate for the repair can be inserted through the hole. If necessary slightly enlarge diameter of hole to allow insertion. Do not exceed hole diameter appropriate for patch being used.

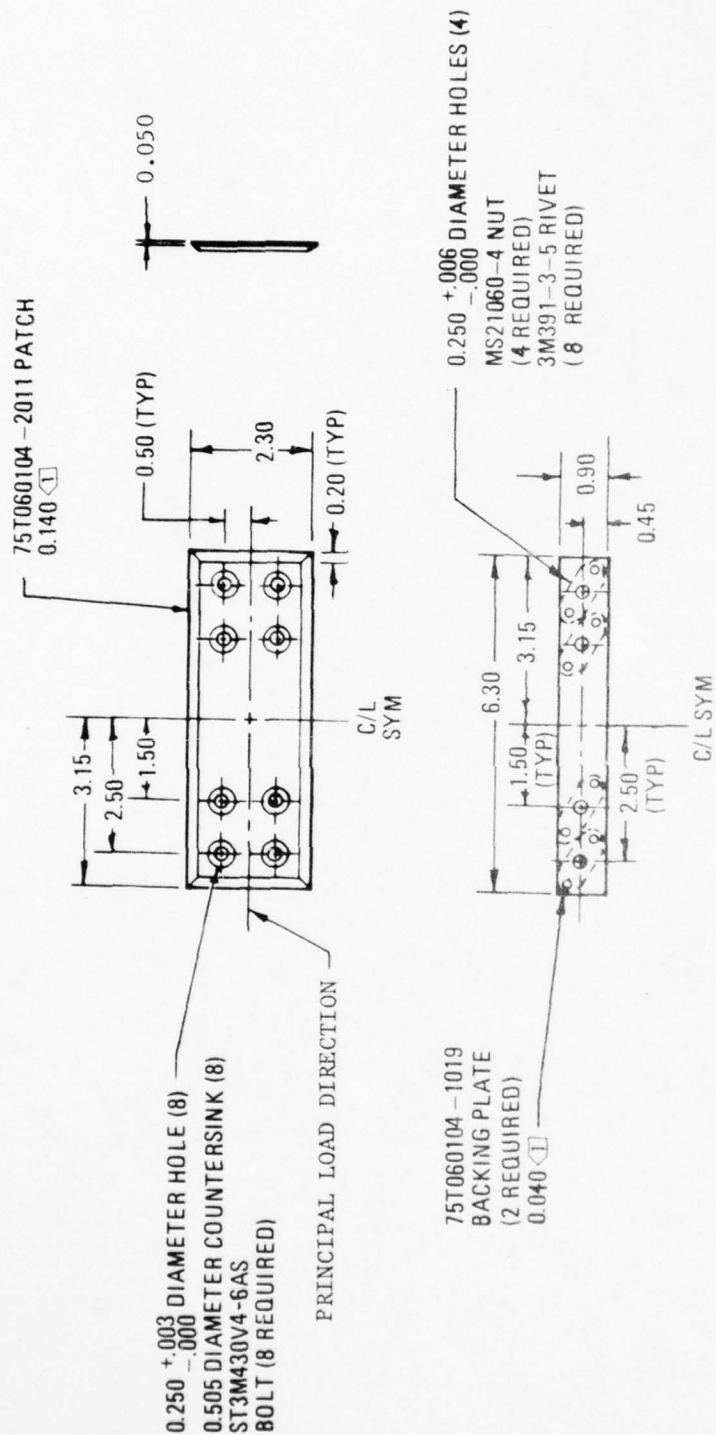
c. Clean skin surface and remove paint from area under patch by sanding with 80 grit abrasive paper until almost all paint has been removed. Finish sand with 240 grit abrasive paper until all paint is removed. Be careful not to sand unnecessarily into laminate. Use vacuum cleaner to remove dust.

d. Determine the principal tension or compression load direction of laminate.

Using a pencil and straight edge, measure and layout two perpendicular centerlines of the damaged area. One centerline must coincide with principal load direction.

e. Center patch on damaged area. Align principal load direction with principal load direction centerline on patch. Pencil mark hole locations on the skin. Mark edges of patch so it can be returned to the same location.

- f. Remove patch and check hole locations for 1/2-inch minimum edge distance.
- g. Replace and align patch. Check fit of patch and backing plate against contour of skin. Form patch and backing plate as necessary to fit skin contour. Secure patch in place with masking tape.
- h. Insert a .2503 OD bushing with a number 30 ID hole in any selected hole in the patch. See Figure 6-4.
- i. Drill pilot hole in graphite laminate skin. Lubricate liberally with water.
- j. Remove bushing and insert .2503 step pin which matches pilot hole (0.1285).
- k. Slide drill guide with .2504 ID slip fit bushing over pin. Secure drill guide then remove step pin. See Figure 6-5.
- l. Use TFIM 25.0253-351 drill with drill motor to open hole in the graphite laminate skin. Lubricate liberally with water. See Figure 6-6.
- m. Replace drill guide and bushing with WNX-1/4 or equivalent sheetmetal holder.
- n. Repeat steps h thru m until all holes are drilled.
- o. Wipe area with cheesecloth, Rympcloth, or Aerospace Wipers. Remove foreign matter from fuel cavity with vacuum cleaner. Clean patch with wiping material dampened with 1, 1, 1-trichloroethane.
- p. Fay seal mating surfaces of backing plates and wing skin with PR 1422 sealing compound, using TD 596A fairing tool.
- q. Place backing plates in position through hole in skin. Maintain alignment by installing 2 or 3 bolts in each plate finger tight. Clamp in place and allow sealant to cure sufficiently to hold backing plates in place.
- r. Fay seal mating surfaces of patch and wing skin with PR 1422 sealing compound, using TD 596A fairing tool.
- s. Locate patch on wing skin. Install ST3M430V4-6AS or ST3M430V4-13AS bolts wet with sealant. Start bolt threads in nut plates by hand.
- t. Tighten bolts using a diagonally opposite pattern.
- u. Torque bolts 50-70 inch-pounds.
- v. Remove excess sealing compound and fair patch with mold line skin.
- w. Retorque bolts 50-70 inch-pounds.
- x. Touch up paint per NAVAIR 01-AV8A-3-6.



REPAIR OF 1.0 INCH HOLE IN 3/16 INCH LAMINATE

FIGURE 6-2 REPAIR OF 3/16 INCH LAMINATE

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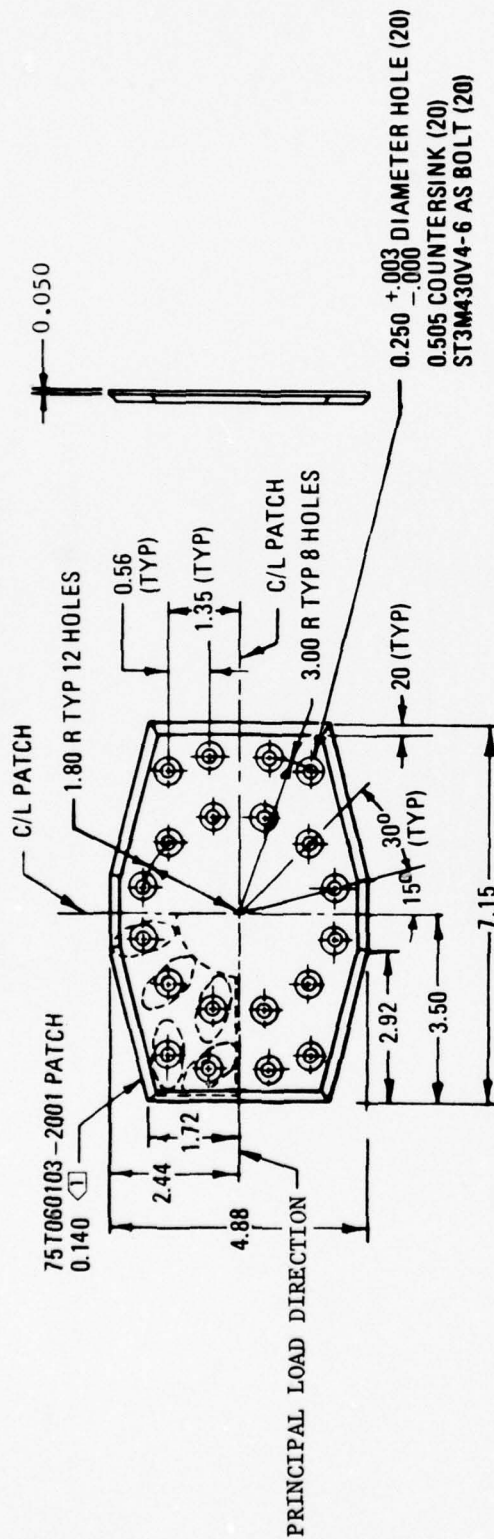
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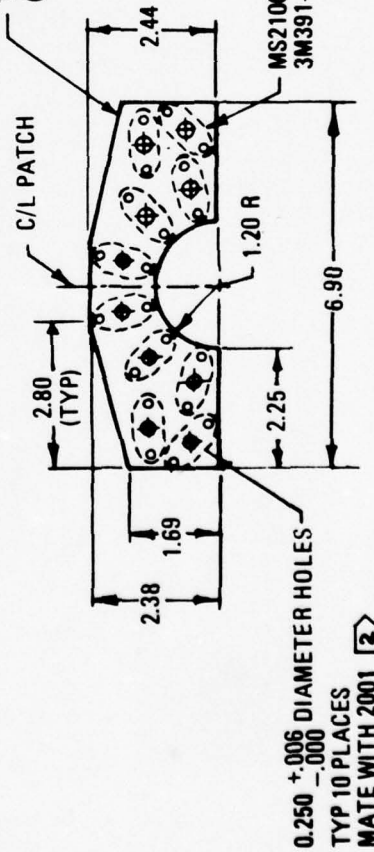






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75T060103 - 1001 BACKING PLATE  
(2 REQUIRED) 0.040



NOTE

- 1 6AL-4V TITANIUM ALLOY, MIL-T-9046, TYPE III, COMPOSITION C, CONDITION ANNEALED.
- 2 HOLE LOCATIONS FROM C/L'S SAME AS -2001 PATCH

REPAIR OF 2.5 INCH HOLE IN 3/16 INCH LAMINATE

FIGURE 6-2 CONTINUED

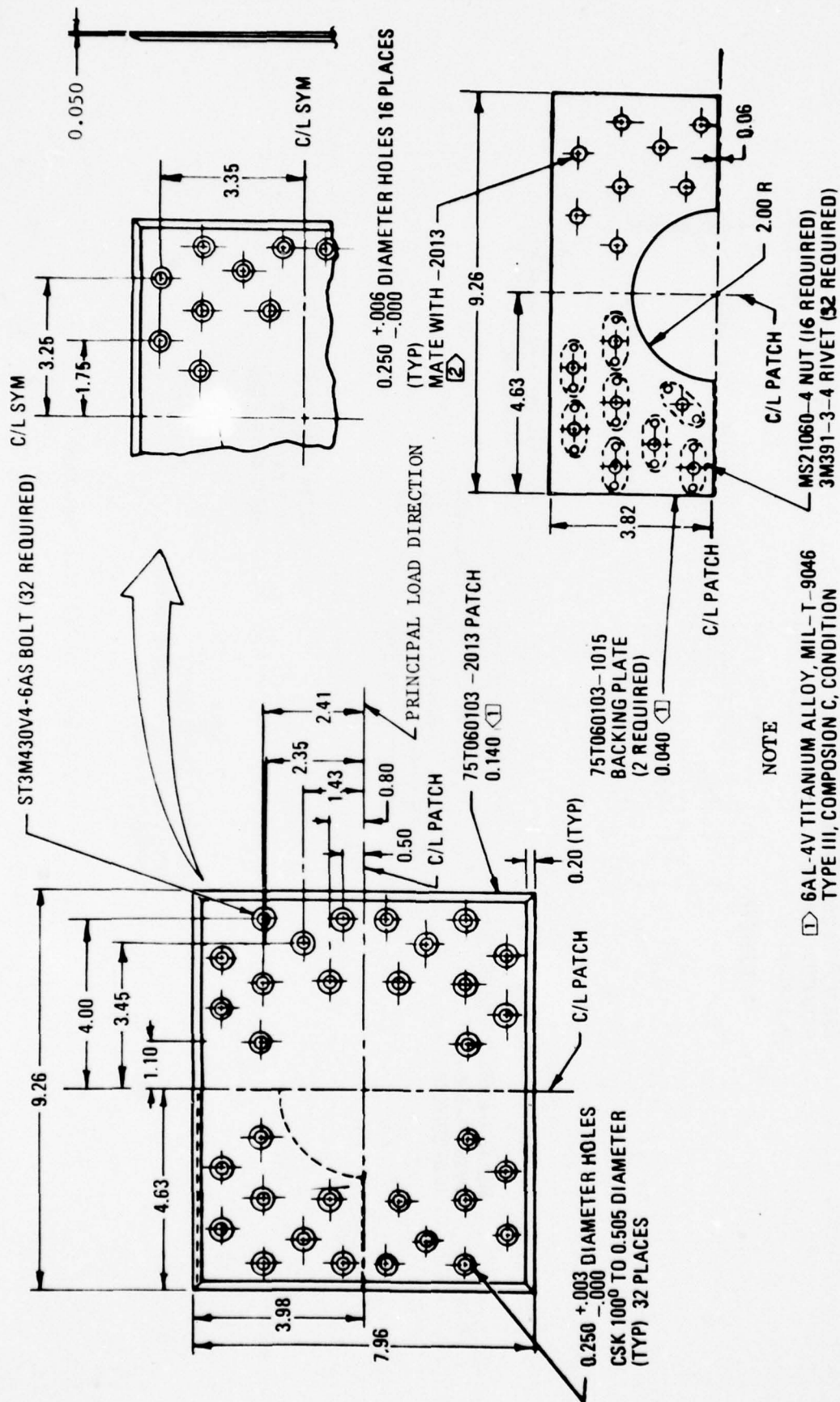
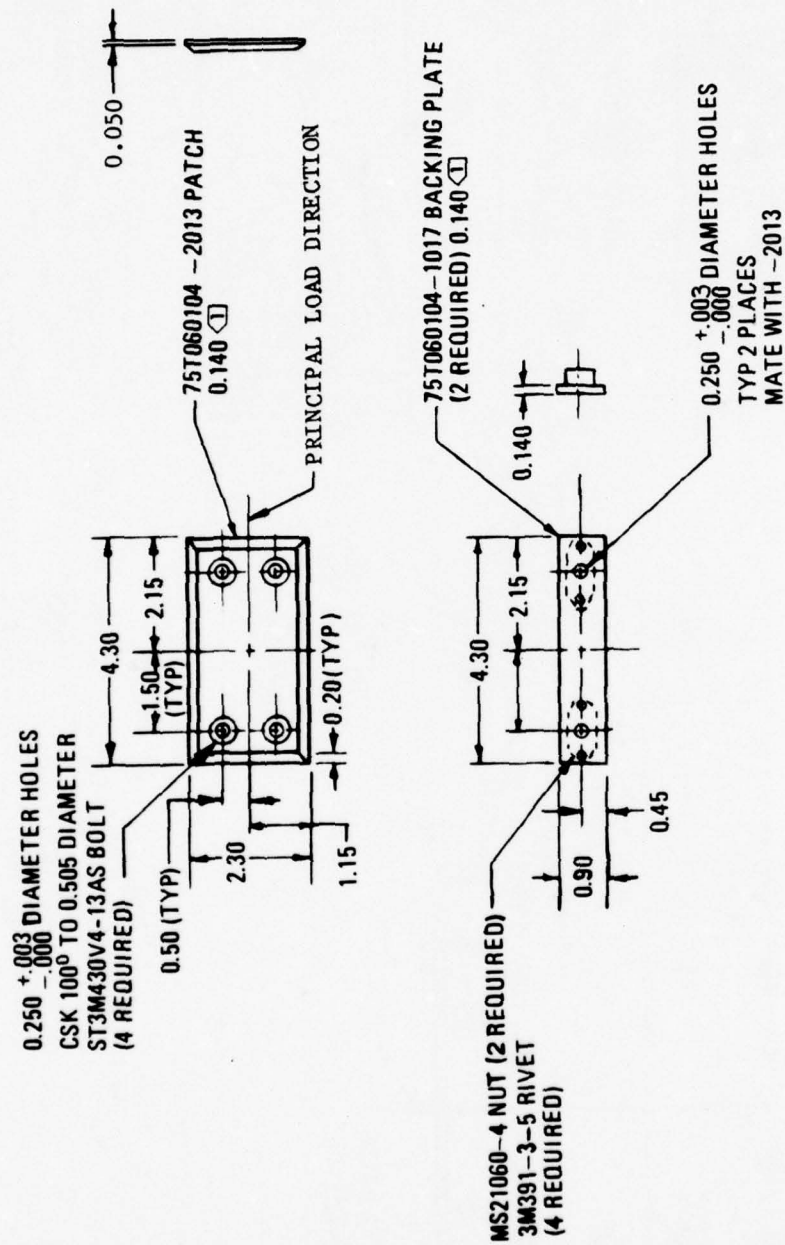


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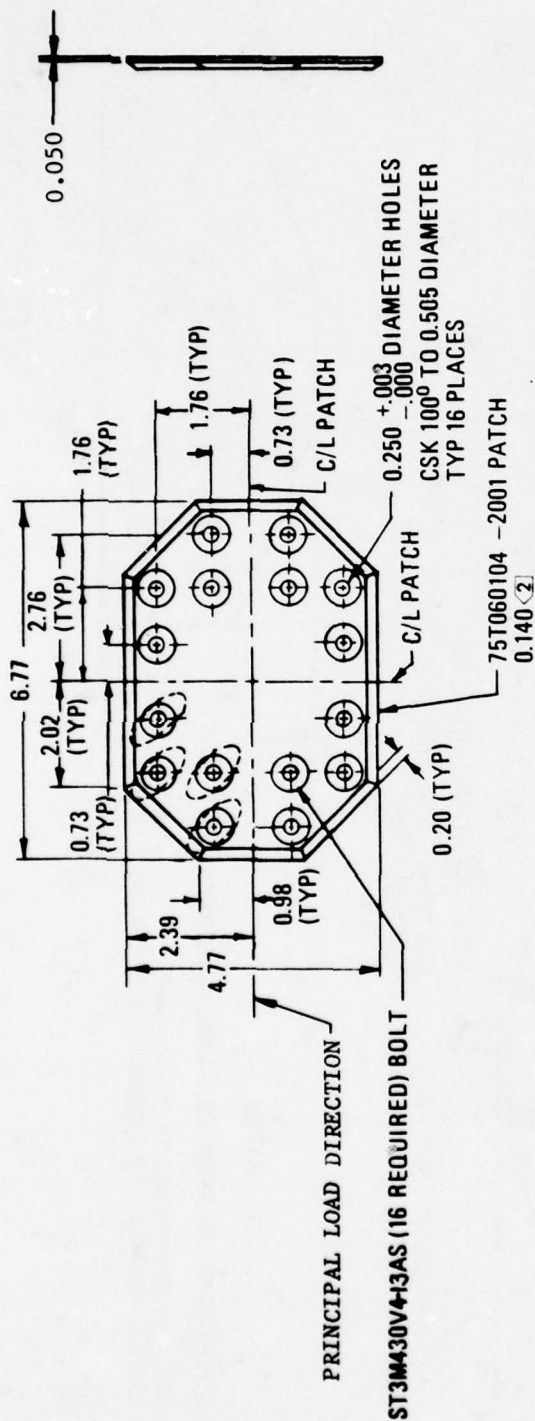


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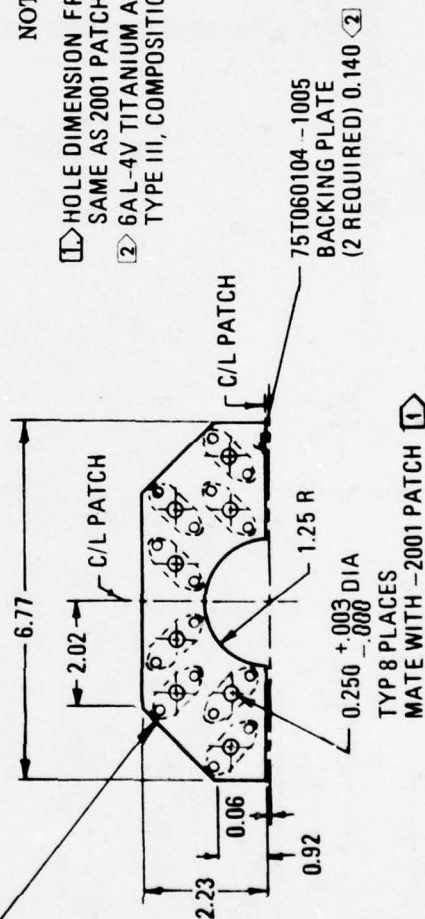
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CONDITION ANNEALED

REPAIR OF 1.0 INCH HOLE IN 1/2 INCH LAMINATE

FIGURE 6-3 REPAIR OF 1/2 INCH LAMINATE



MS21060-4 NUT (8 REQUIRED)  
3M391-3-5 RIVET (16 REQUIRED)



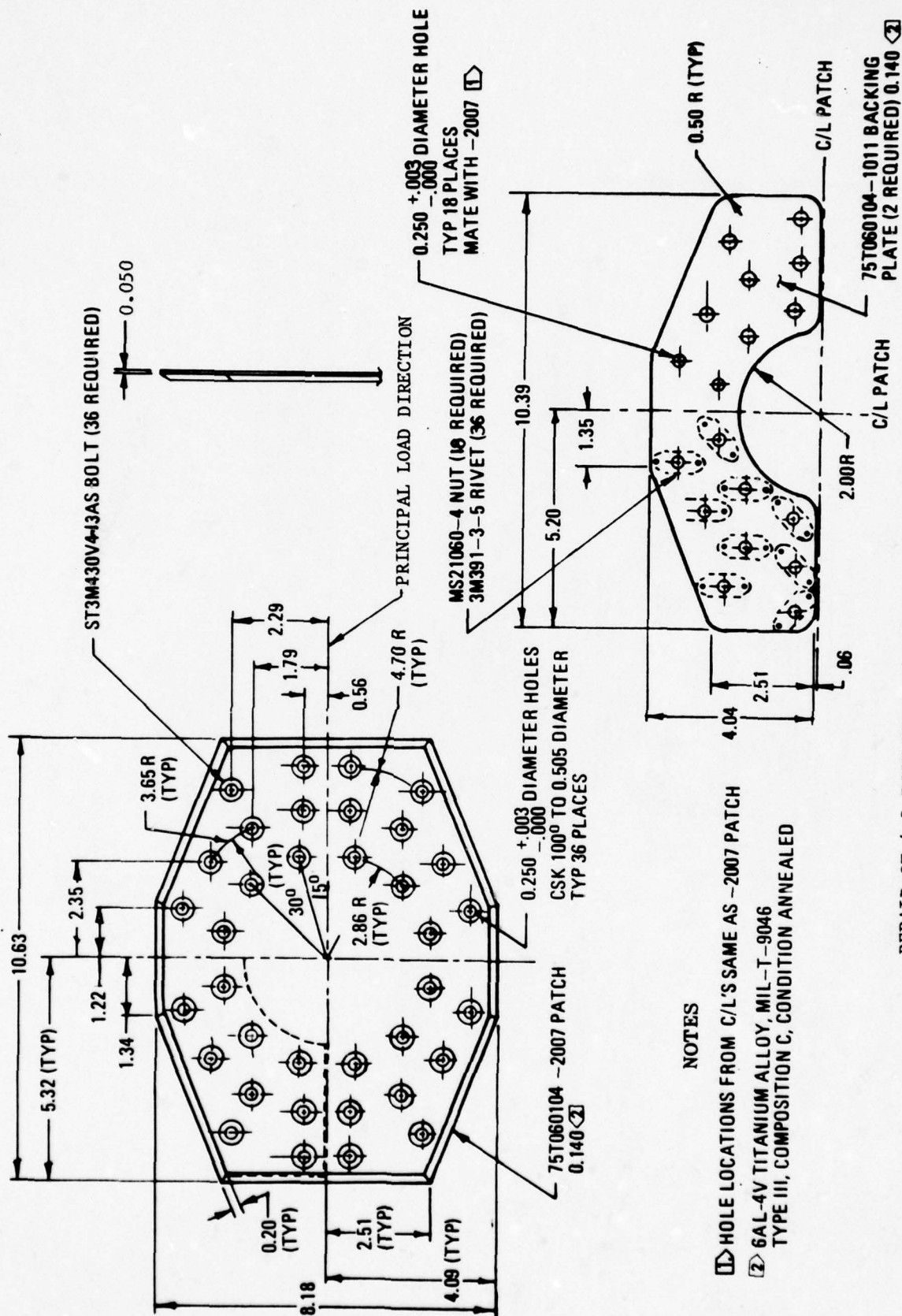
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- $\angle$  1 HOLE DIMENSION FROM C/L'S OF BACKING PLATE  
SAME AS 2001 PATCH
- $\angle$  2 6AL-4V TITANIUM ALLOY, MIL-T-9046  
TYPE III, COMPOSITION C, CONDITION ANNEALED

REPAIR OF 2.5 INCH HOLE IN 1/2 INCH LAMINATE

FIGURE 6-3 CONTINUED





# NOTES

- $\square$  HOLE LOCATIONS FROM C/L'S SAME AS -2007 PATCH
- $\square$  6AL-4V TITANIUM ALLOY, MIL-T-9046  
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REPAIR OF 4.0 INCH HOLE IN 1/2 INCH LAMINATE

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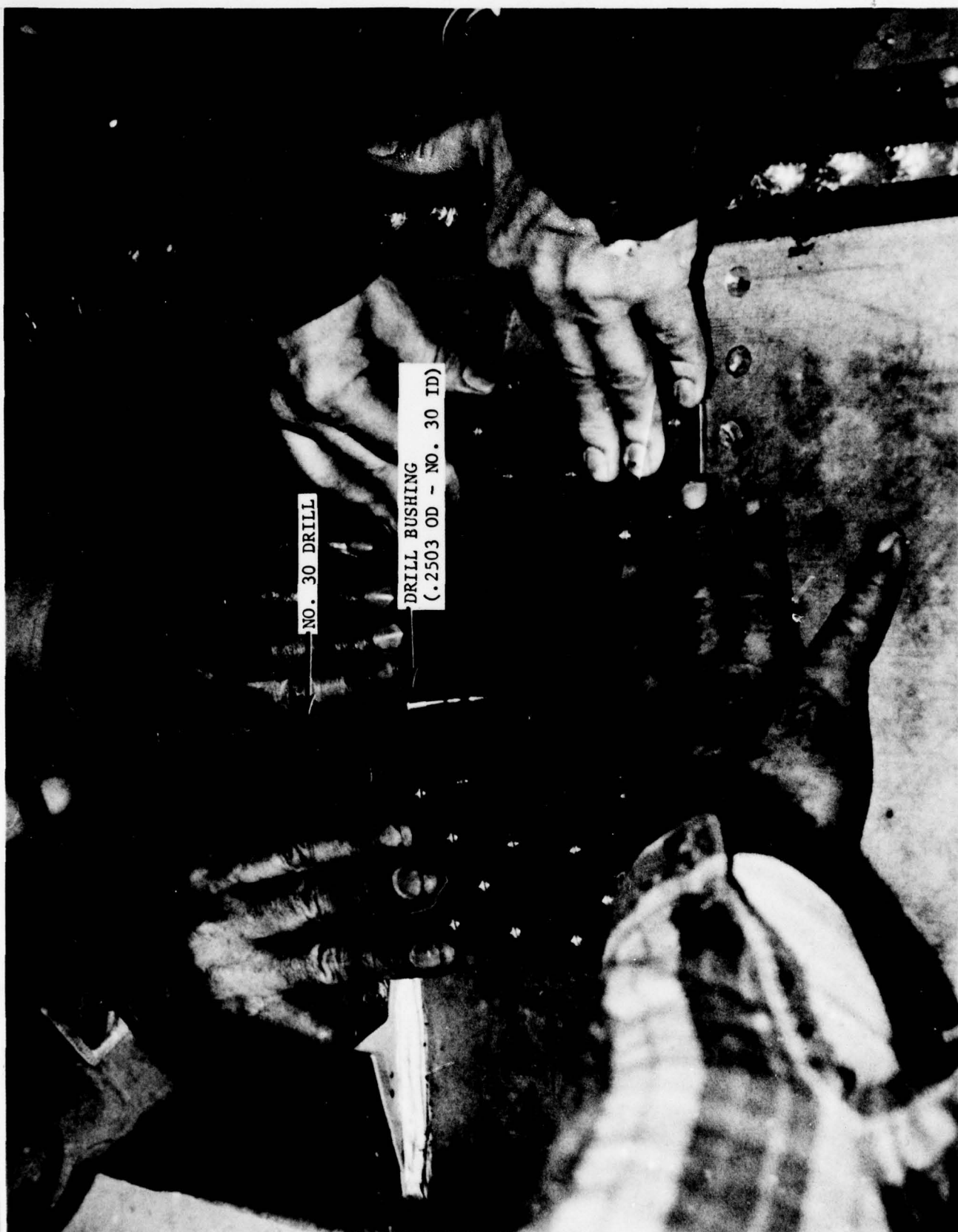


FIGURE 6-4 DRILLING PILOT HOLE

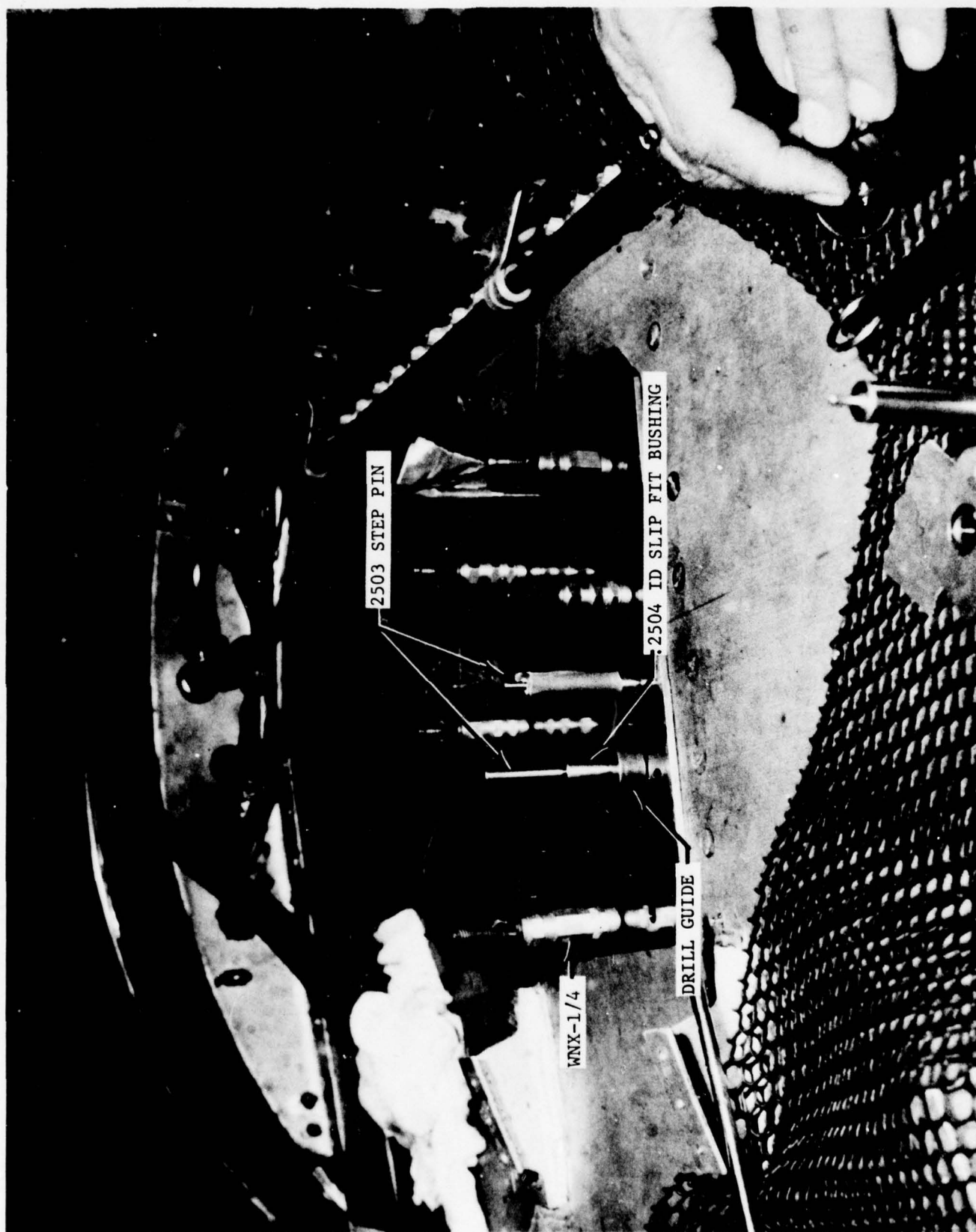


FIGURE 6-5 ALIGNMENT OF DRILL GUIDE

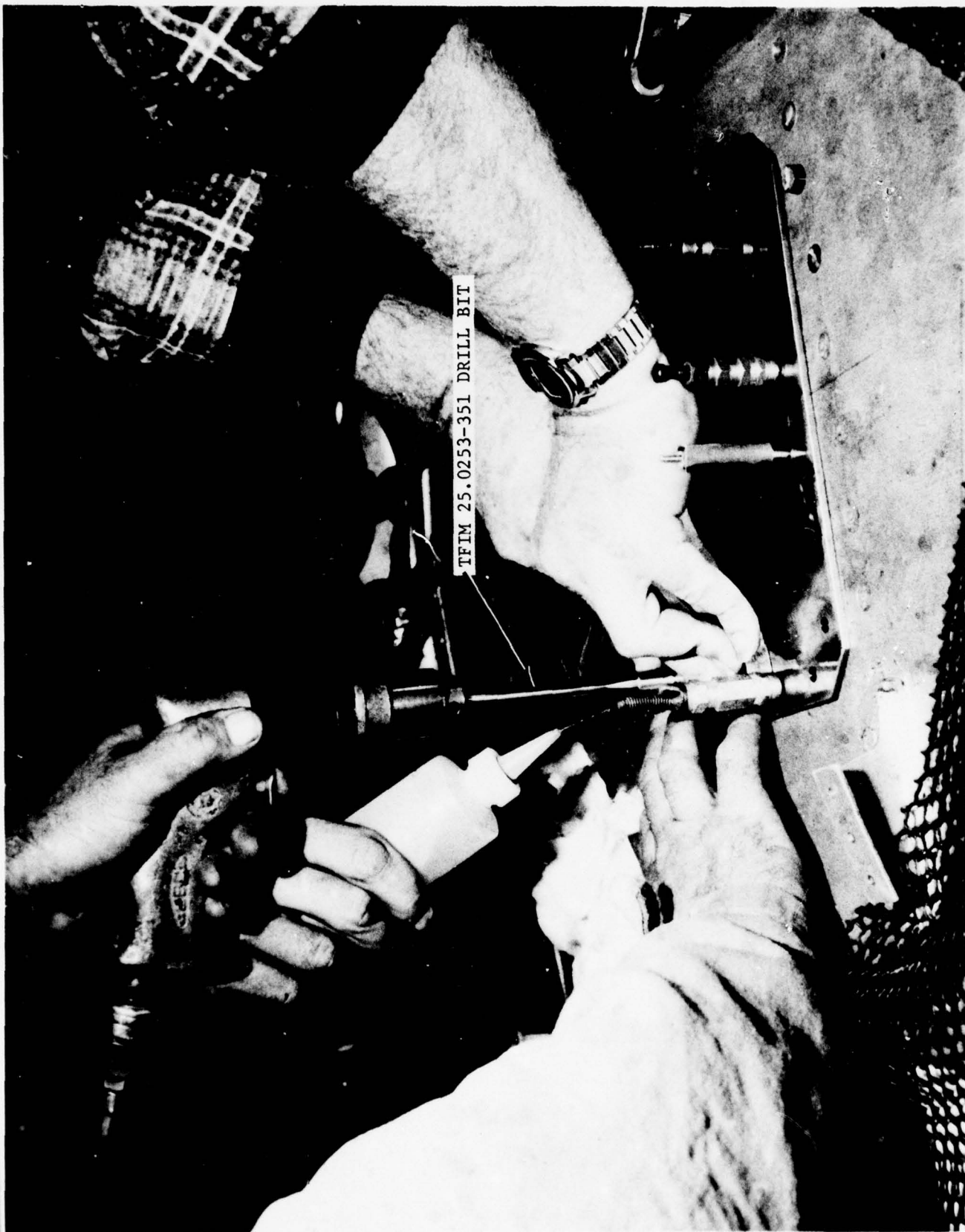


FIGURE 6-6 DRILLING ATTACHMENT HOLE IN LAMINATE



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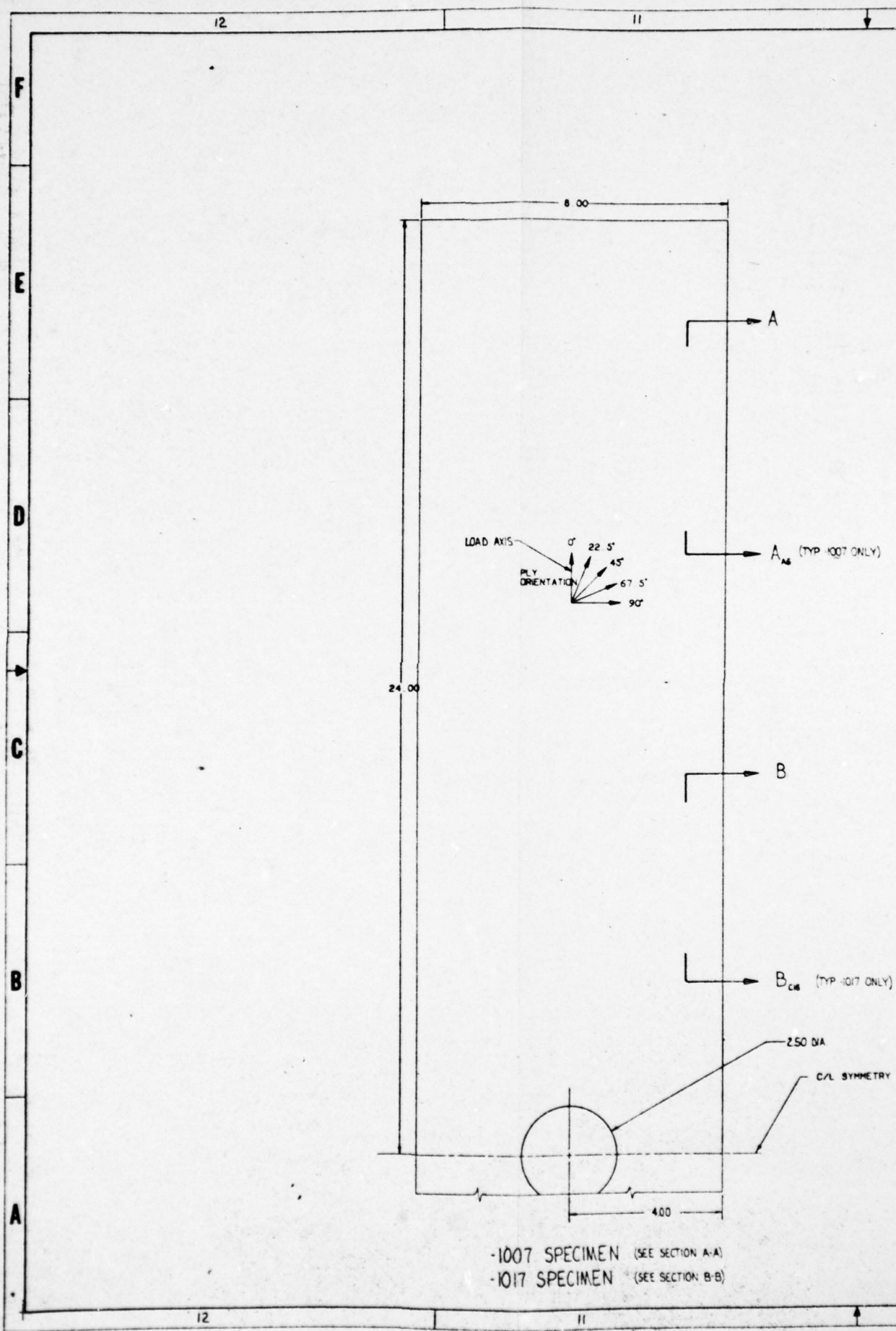
ENGINEERING DRAWINGS

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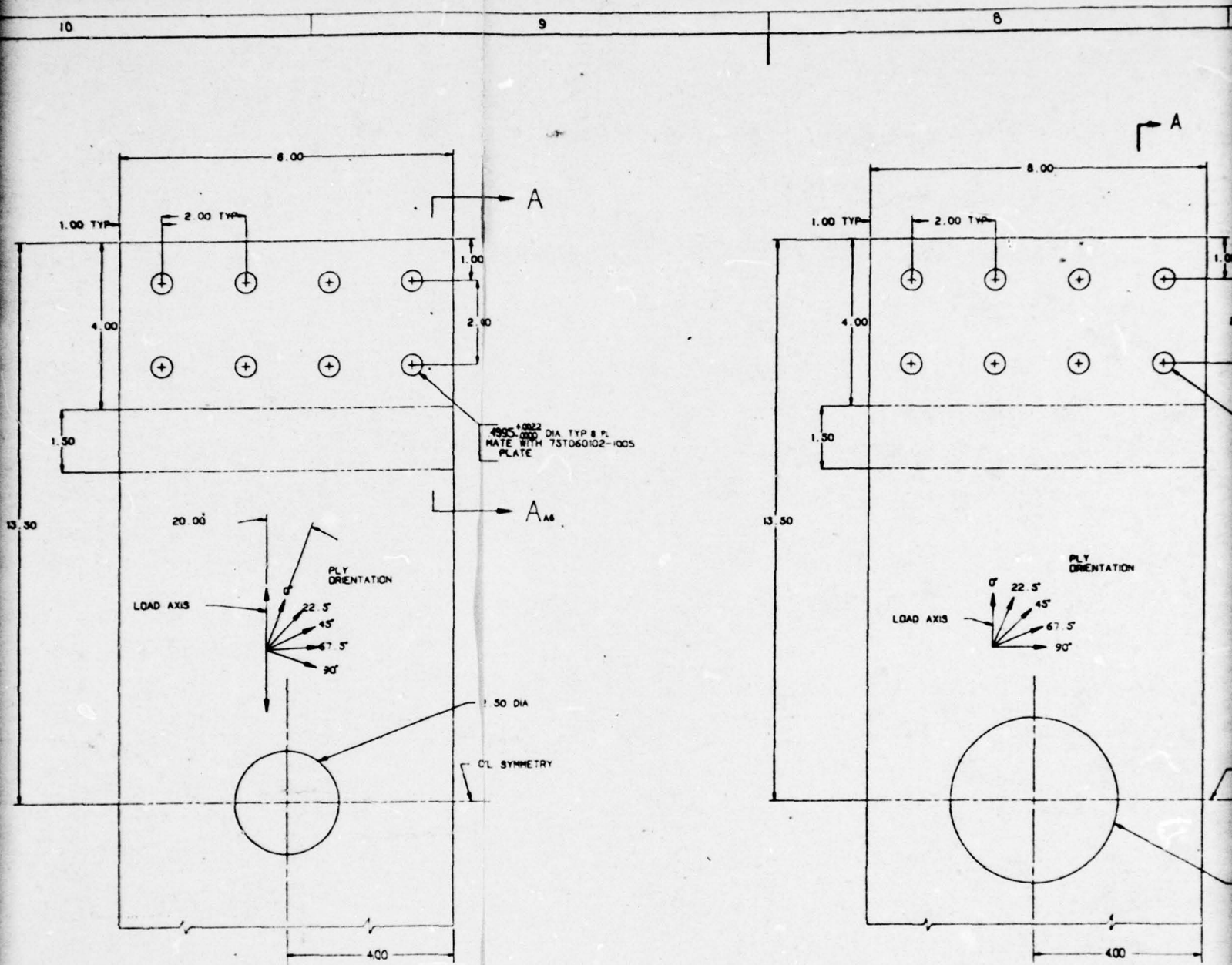
### ENGINEERING DRAWINGS

The engineering drawings for the test specimens, load plates, repair patches and backing plates, repair assemblies and compression specimen edge supports are presented herein.

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A-2	75T060102	Load Plates
A-3	75T060103	Repair Patches for 3/16 Laminates
A-4	75T060104	Repair Patches for 1/2 Laminates
A-5	75T060105	Repair Assemblies for 3/16 Laminates
A-6	75T060106	Repair Assemblies for 1/2 Laminates
A-7	75T060107	Compression Specimen Edge Supports

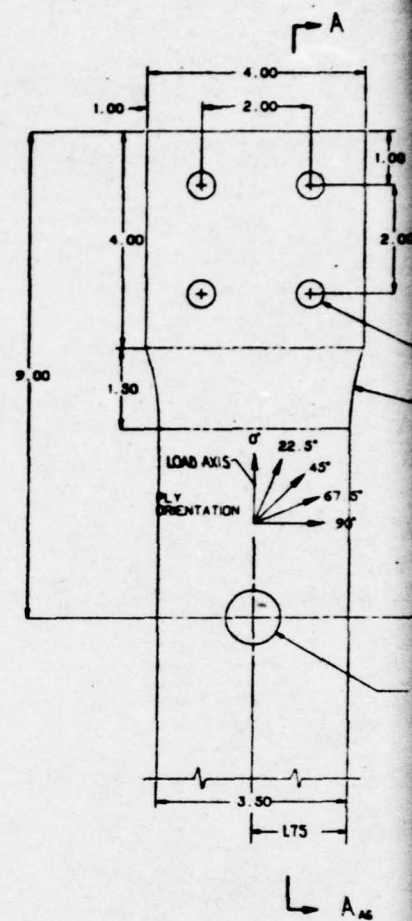
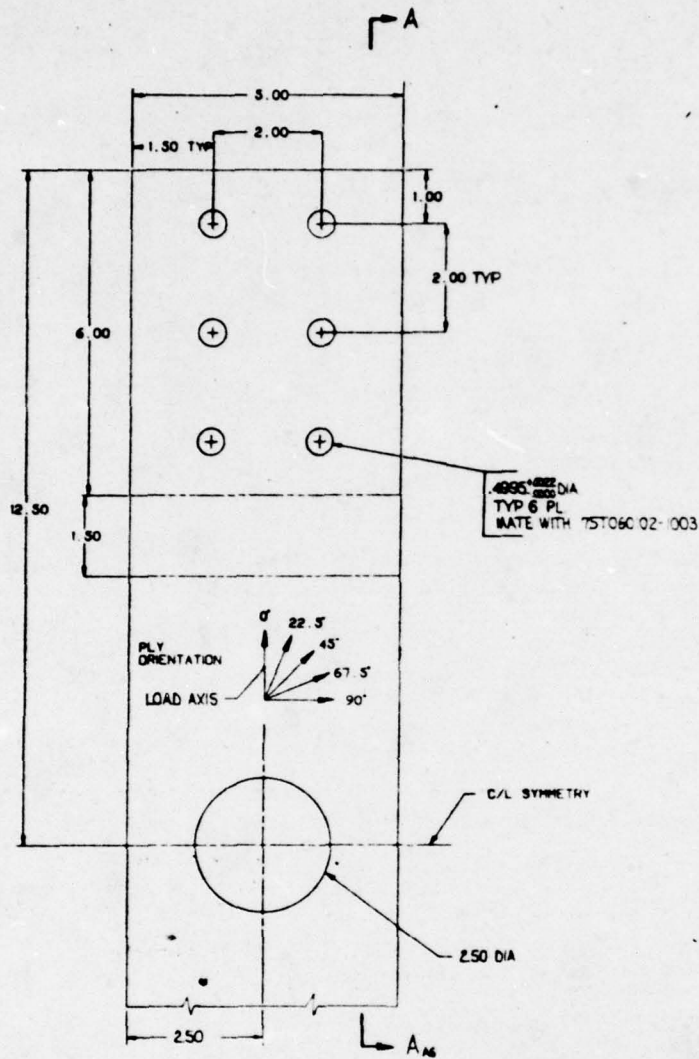






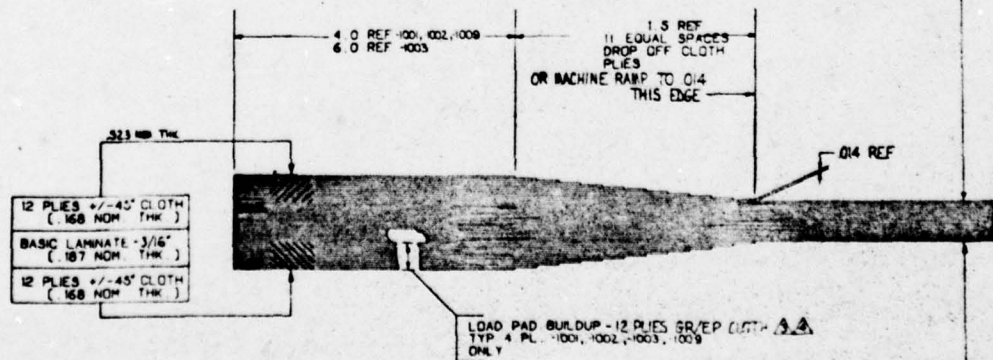
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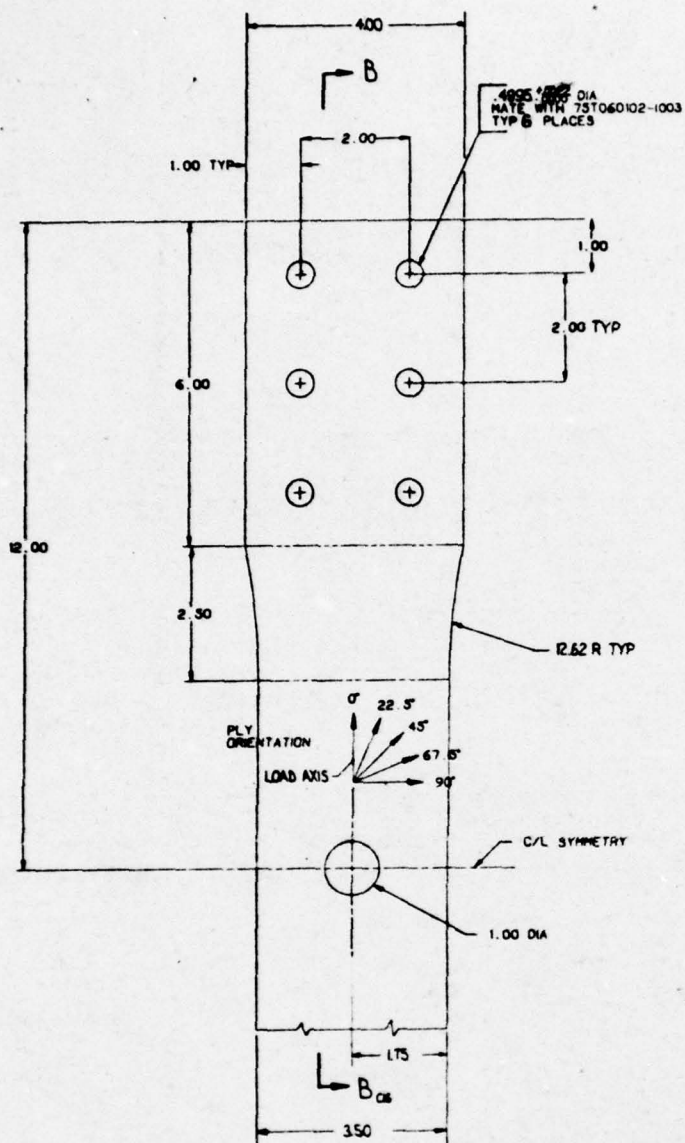
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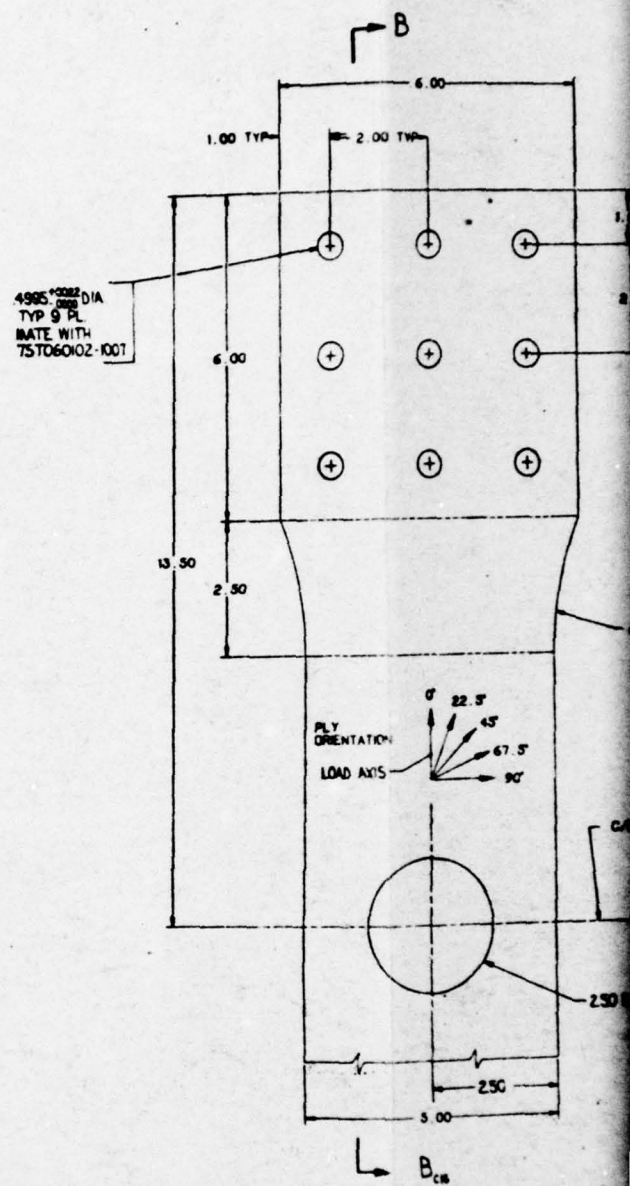
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3/16" BASIC LAMINATE  
187 NOM. THK.



-1011 SPECIMEN



-1013 SPECIMEN

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TYP 6 PL  
MATE WITH 75T060102-1001

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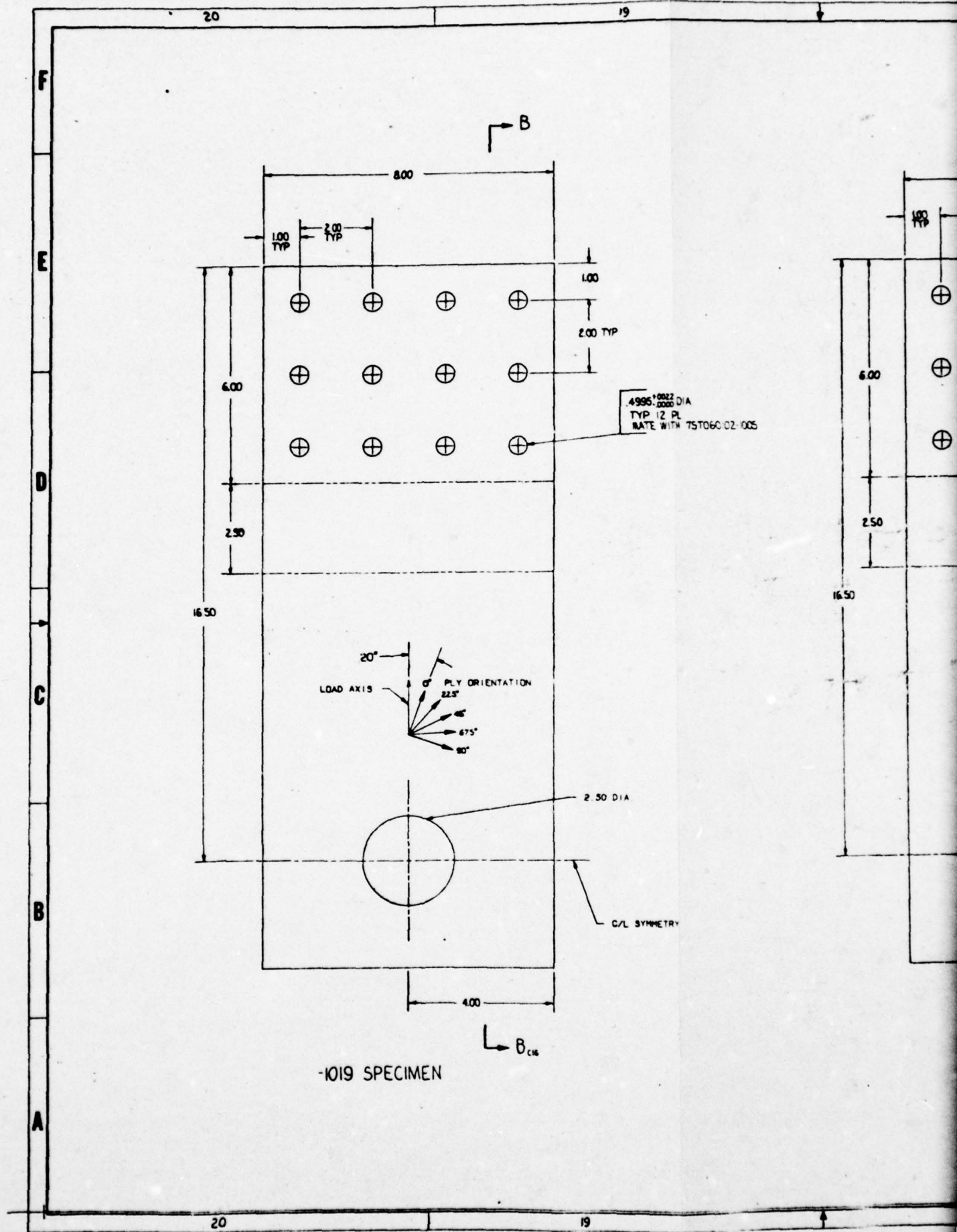
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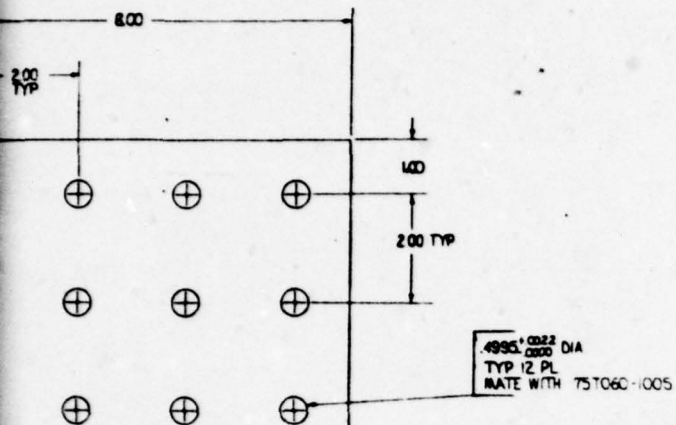




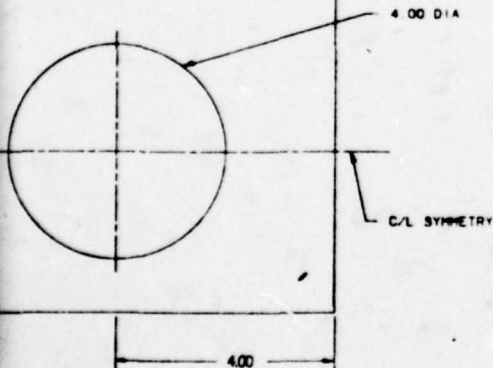




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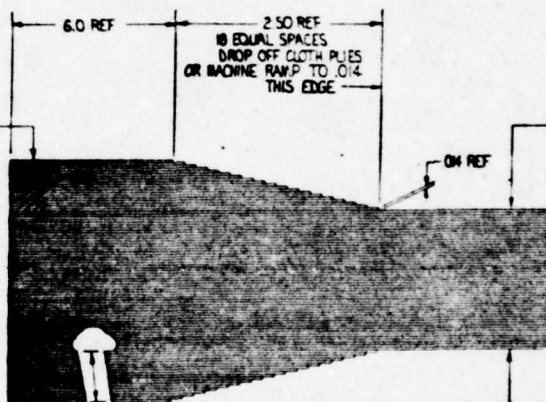
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1.01 NOM THK

19 PLYS ± 45° CLOTH  
(266 NOM THK)

BASIC LAM RATE 1/2"  
(478 NOM THK)

19 PLYS ± 45° CLOTH  
(266 NOM THK)



LOAD PAD BUILDUP - 19 PLYS 6R/EP CLOTH  
TYP 4 PL - 1011, 1013, 1015, 1019 ONLY  $\Delta 4$

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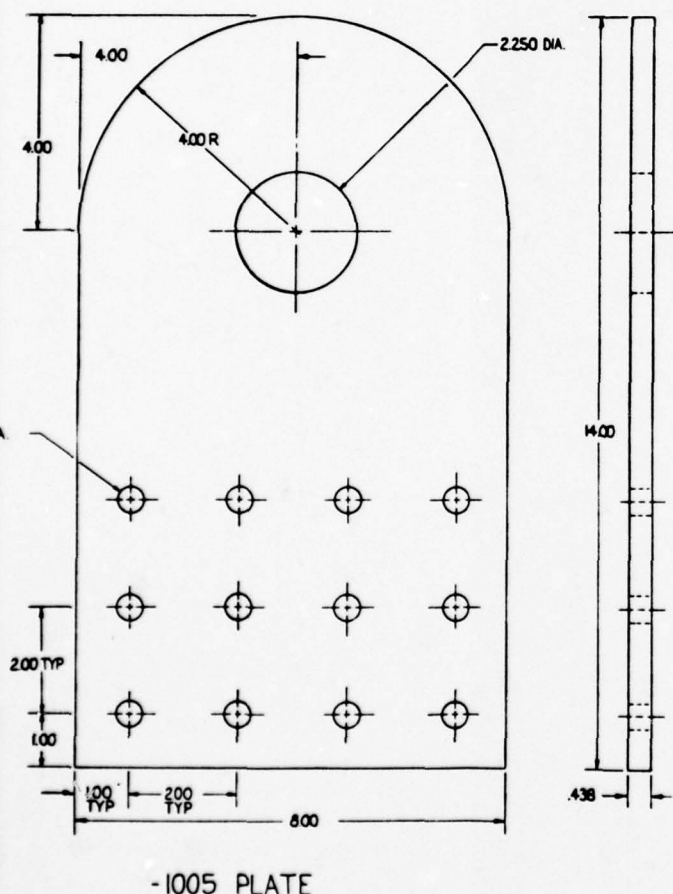
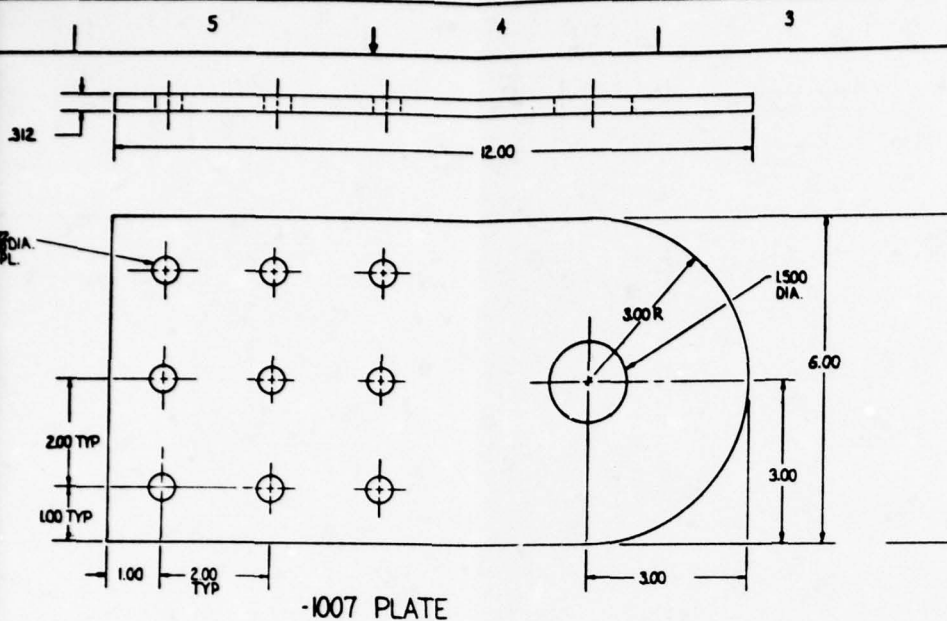




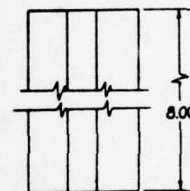








-1009 BLOCK



-1011 BLOCK

FIGURE A-2 DETAILED DRAWING OF LOAD PLATES FOR COMPOSITE REPAIR LAMINATES

HEAT TREAT TO 150-180 KSI, PER PS 15014

3 MARK PARTS PER PS 16001

2 MIN. SURFACE FINISH - 125' TYP ALL SURFACES

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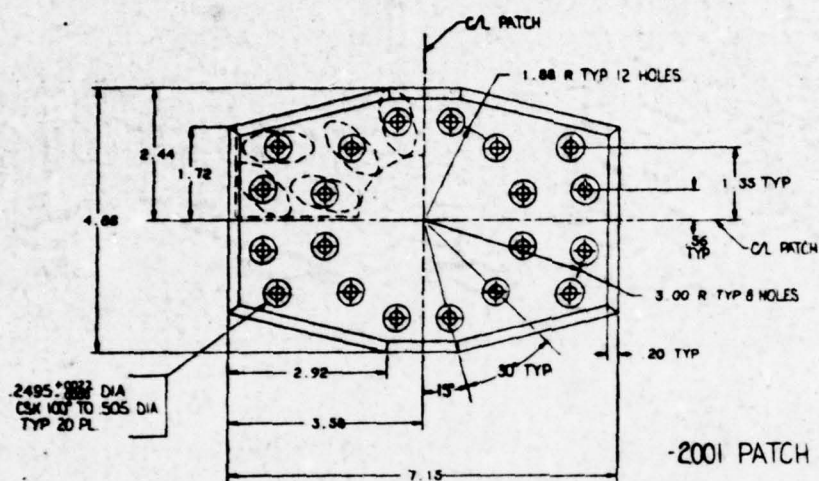
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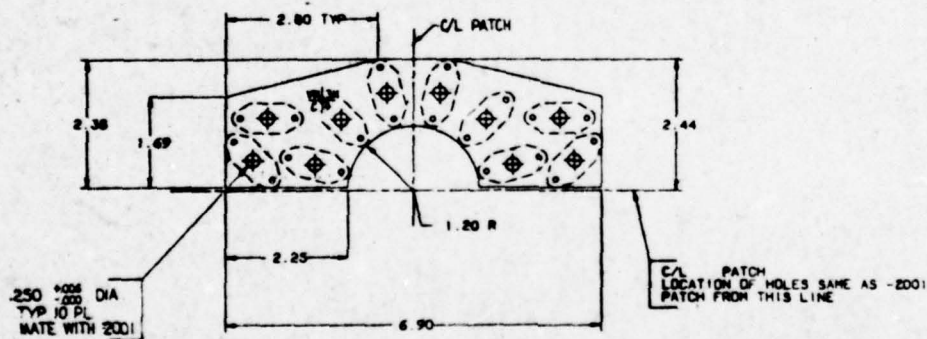
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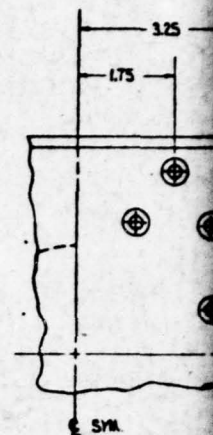
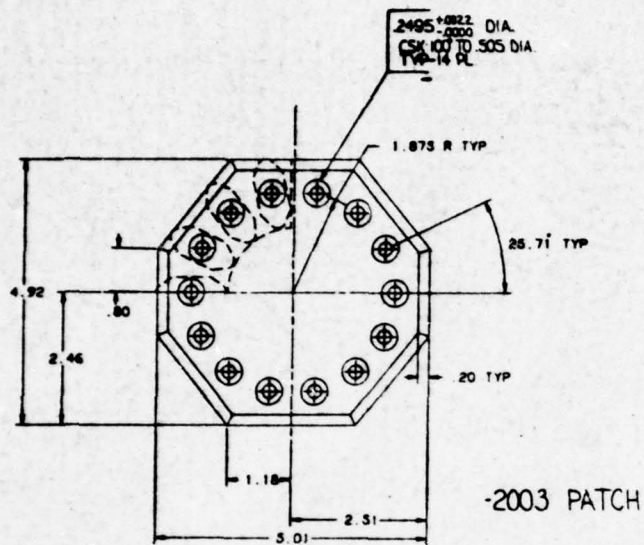
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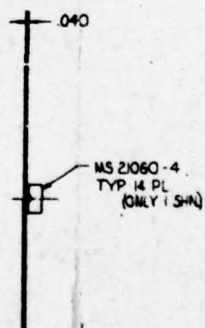
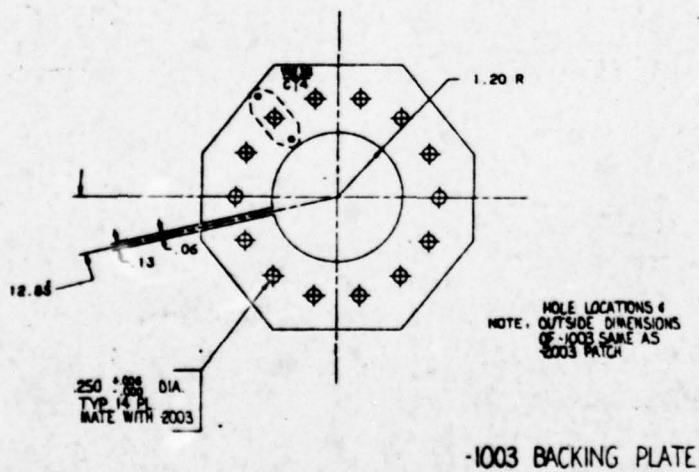
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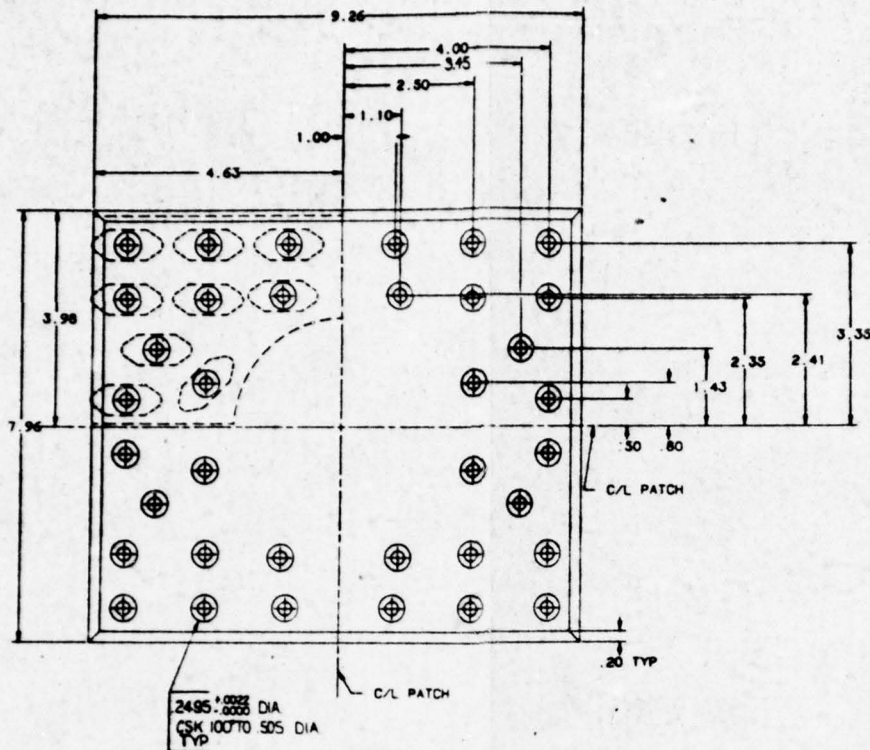
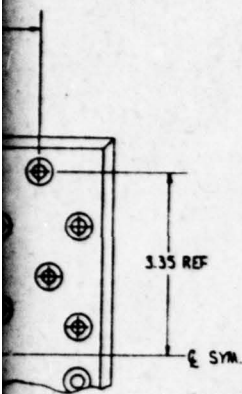




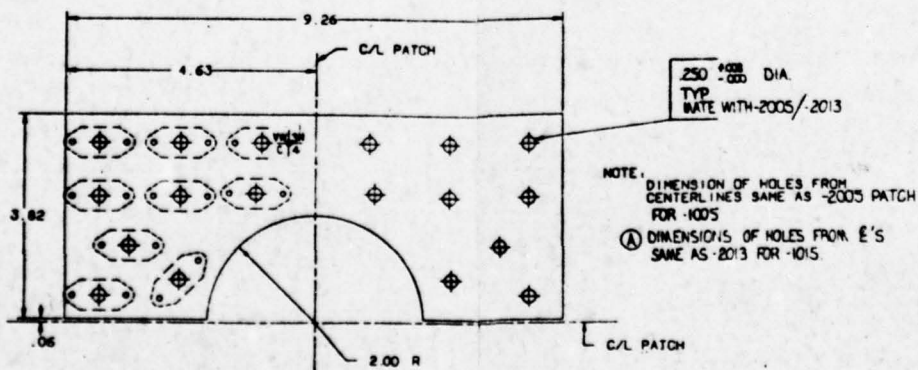
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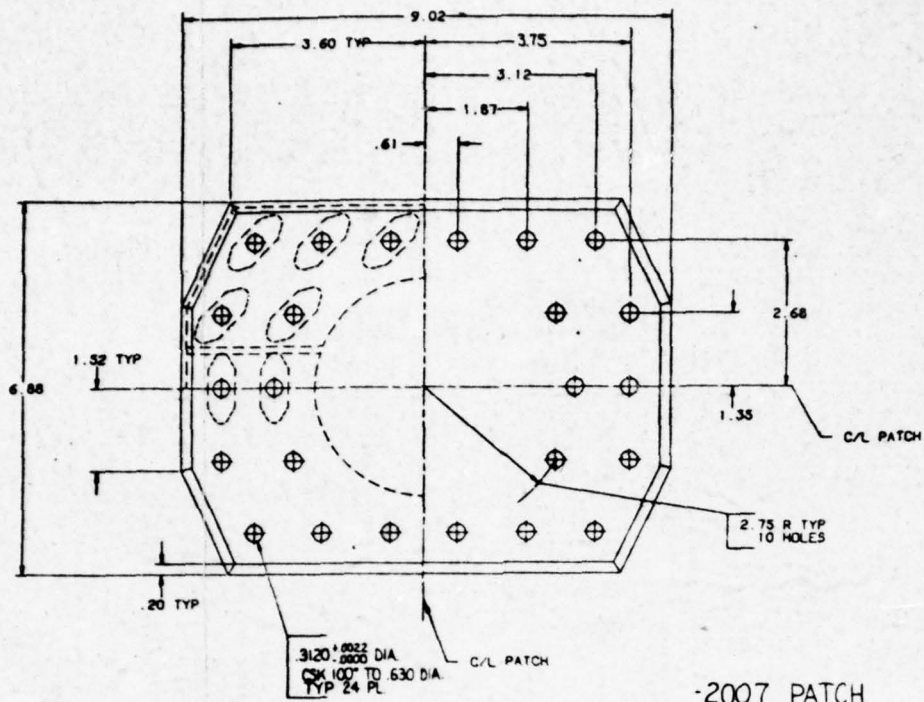




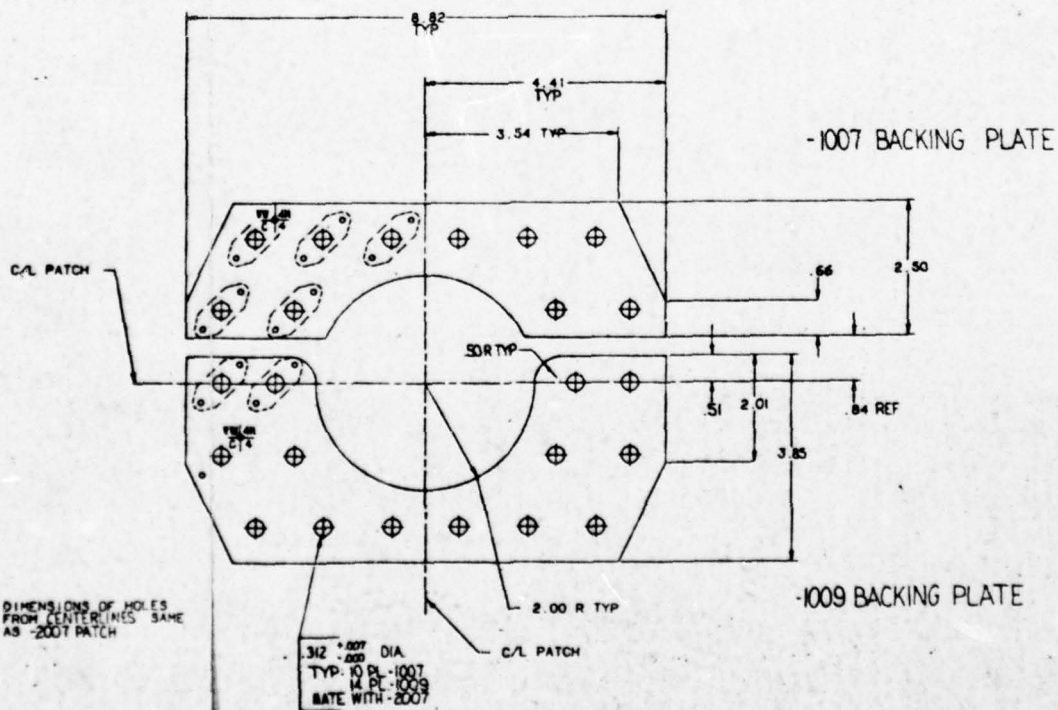
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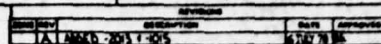


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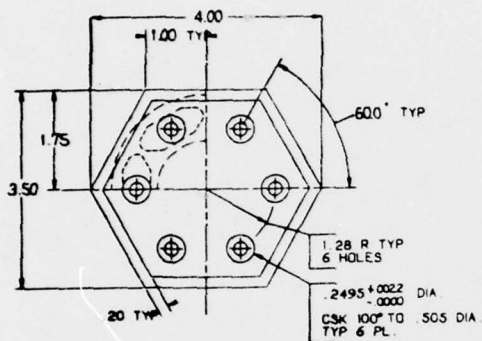
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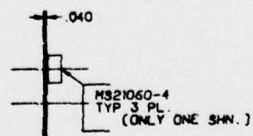
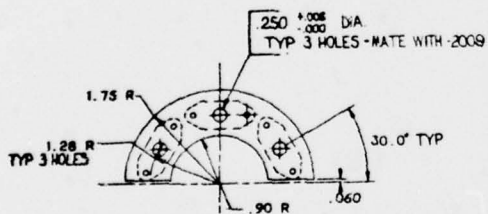
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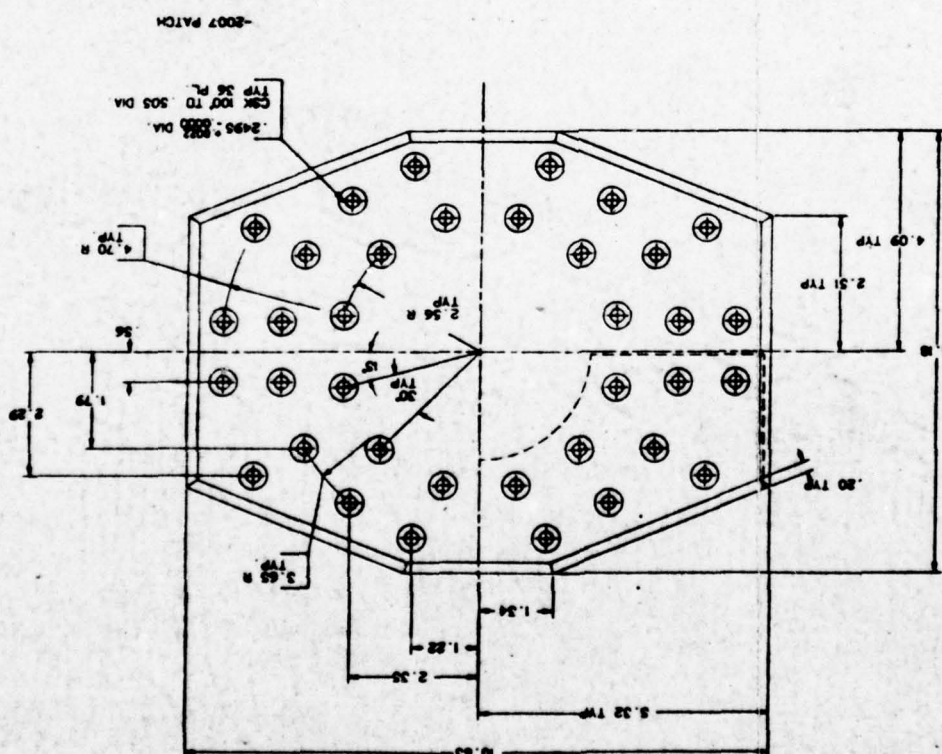
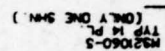


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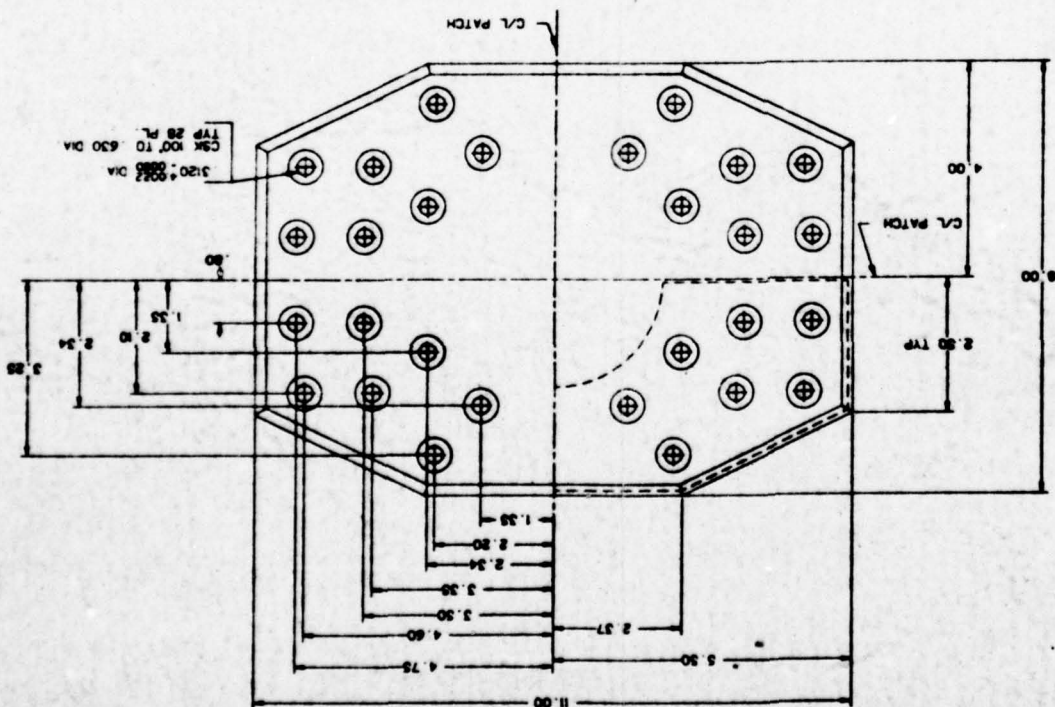






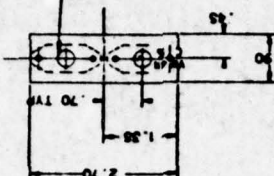
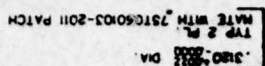


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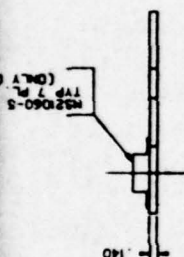
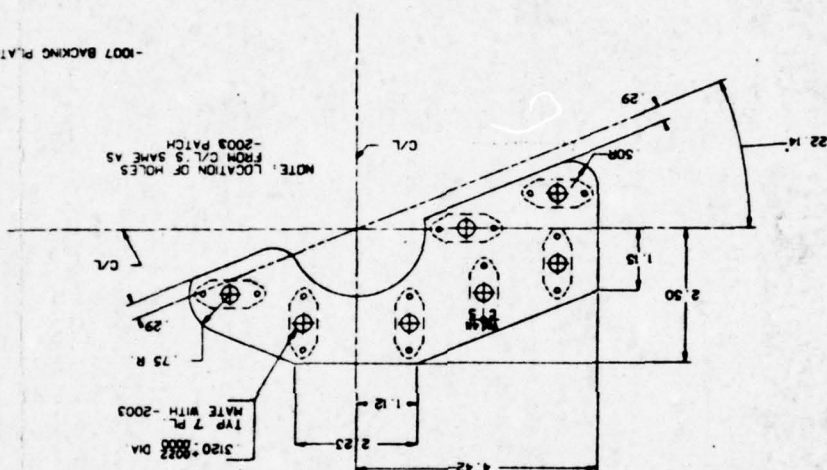
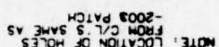
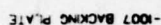
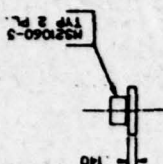




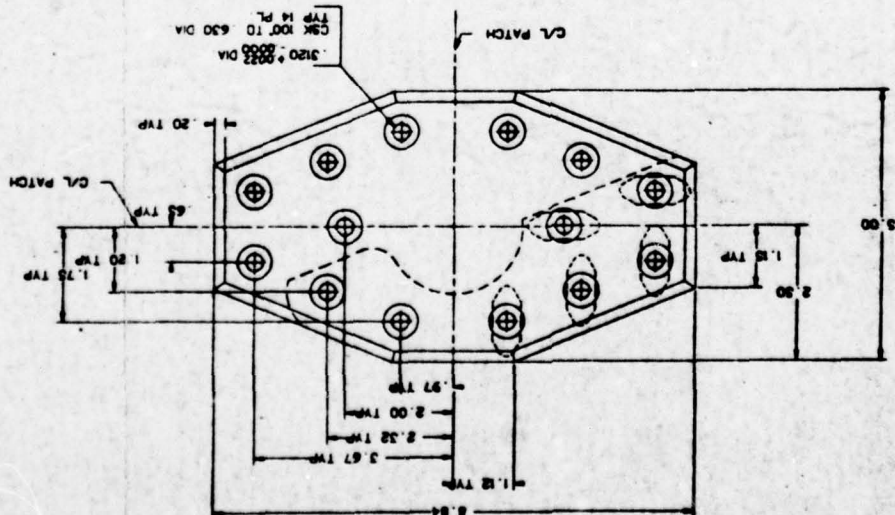
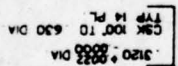
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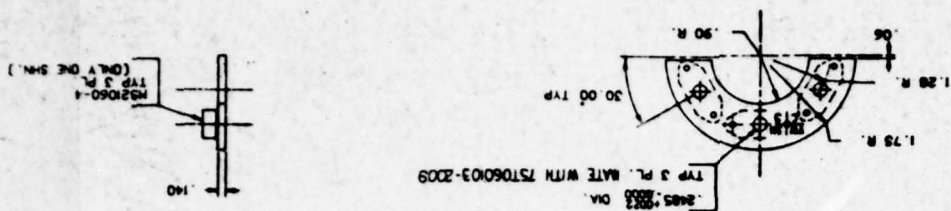


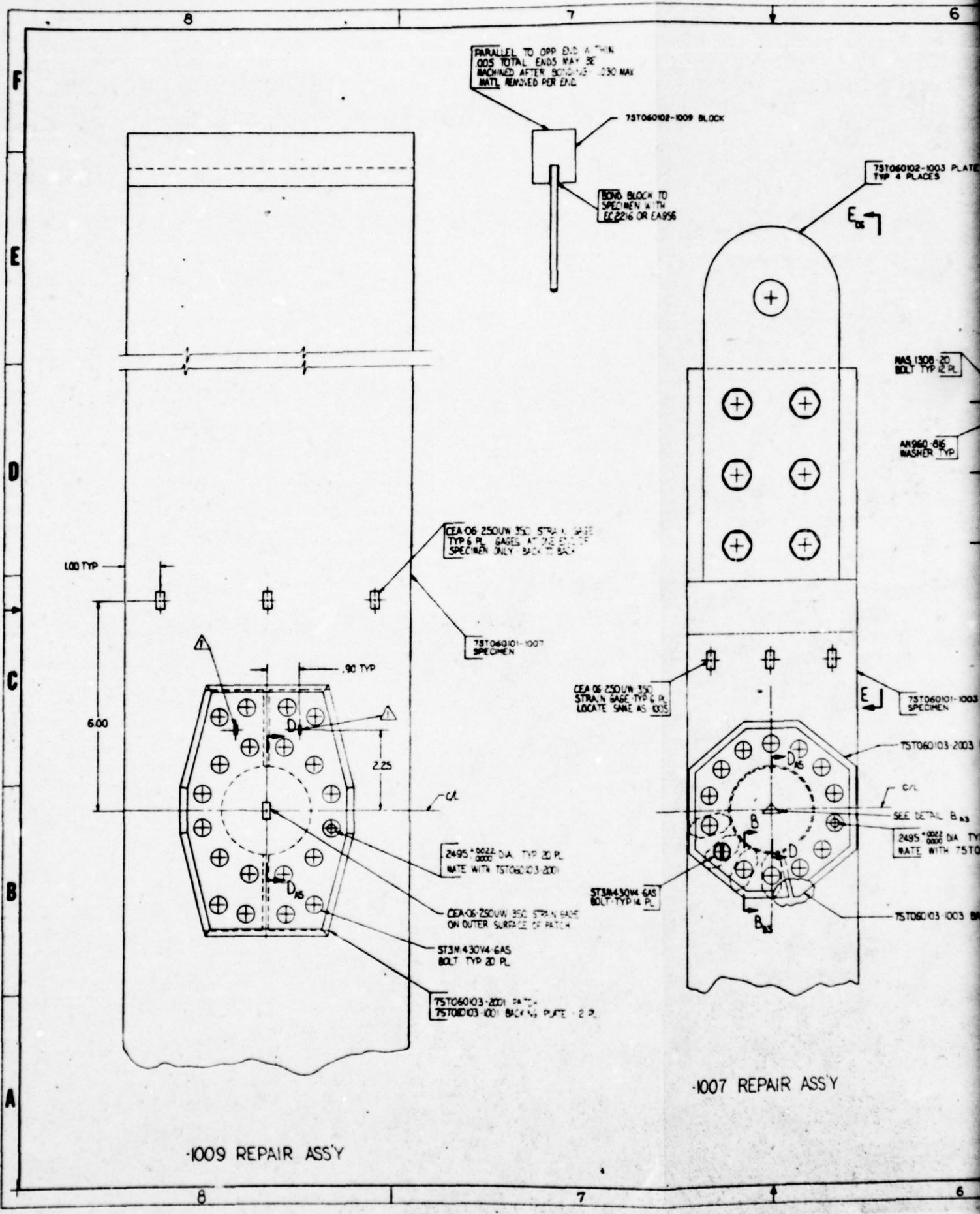
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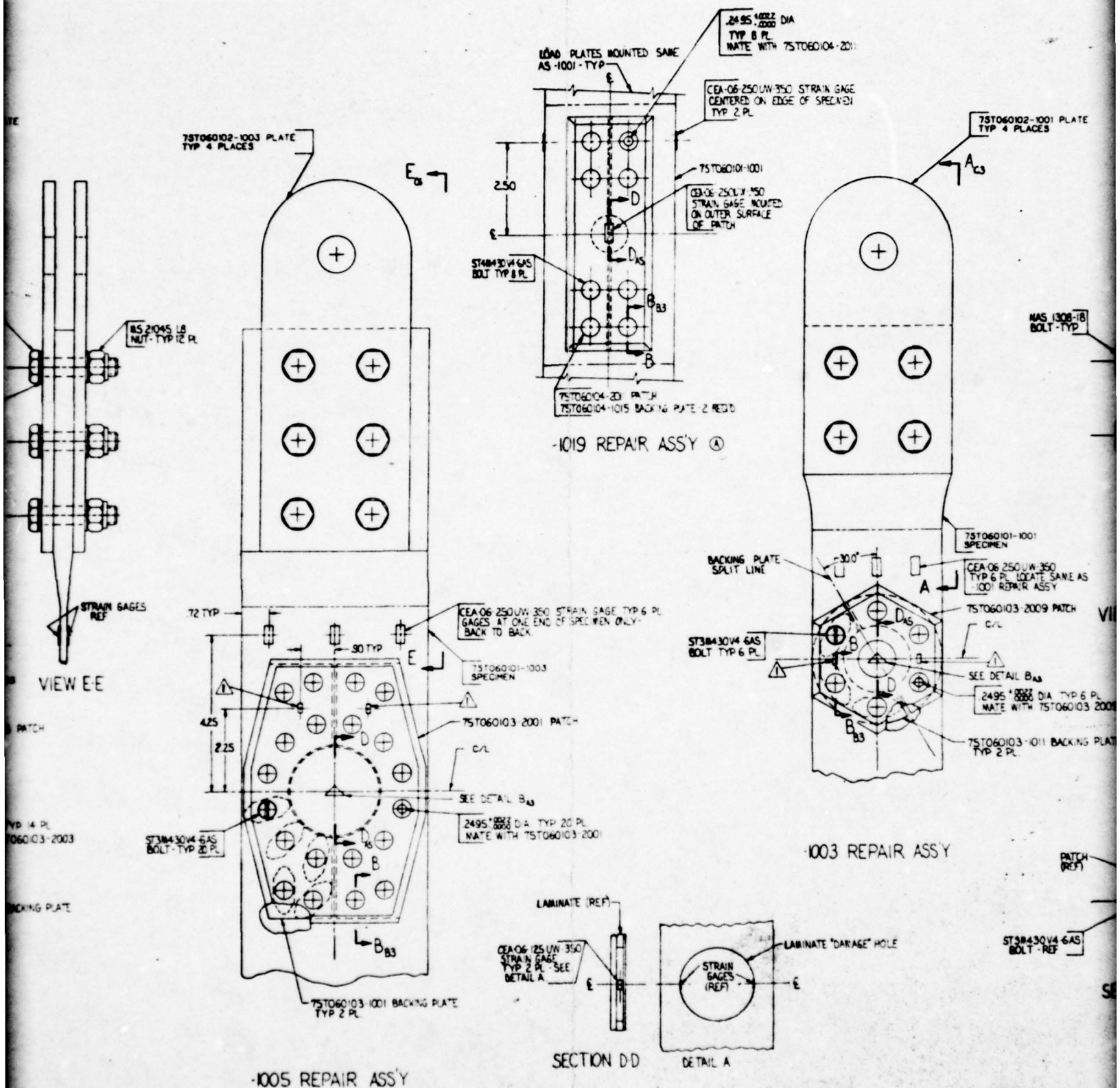
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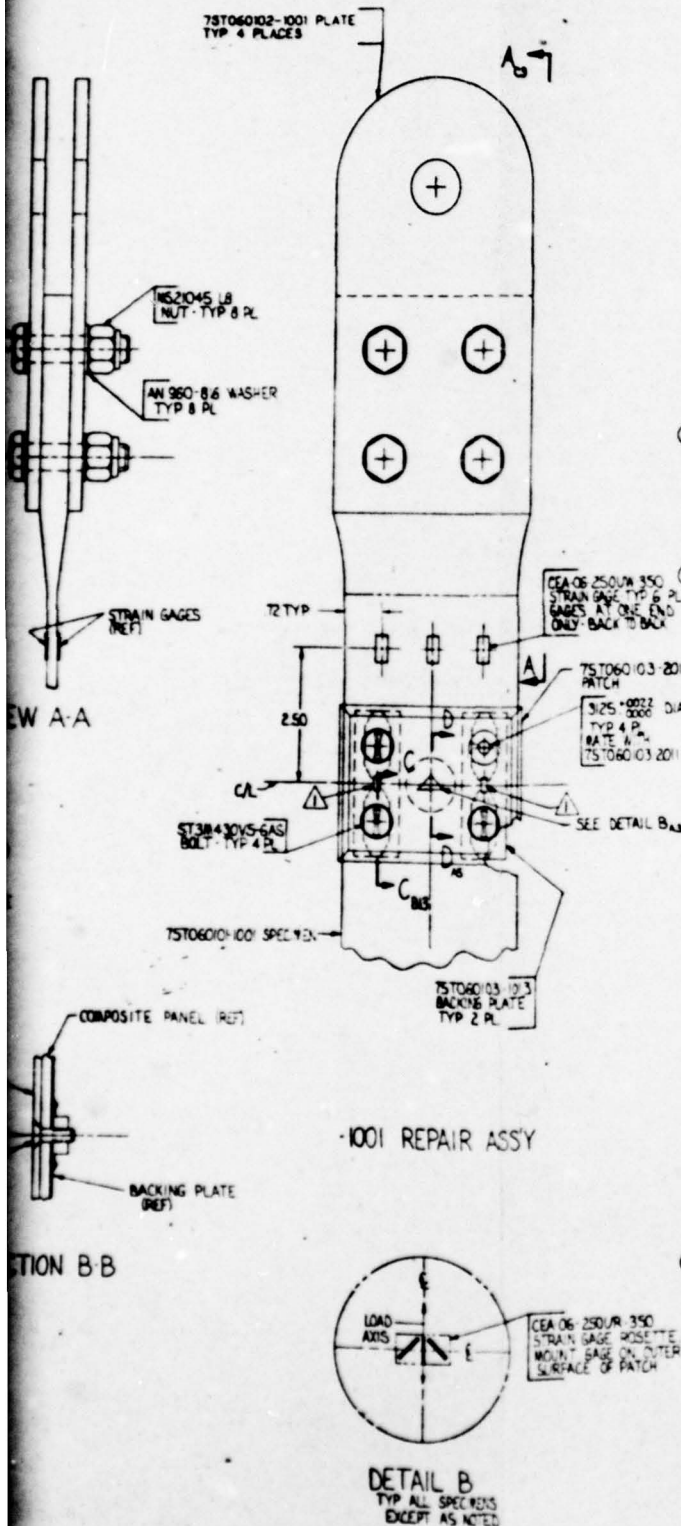
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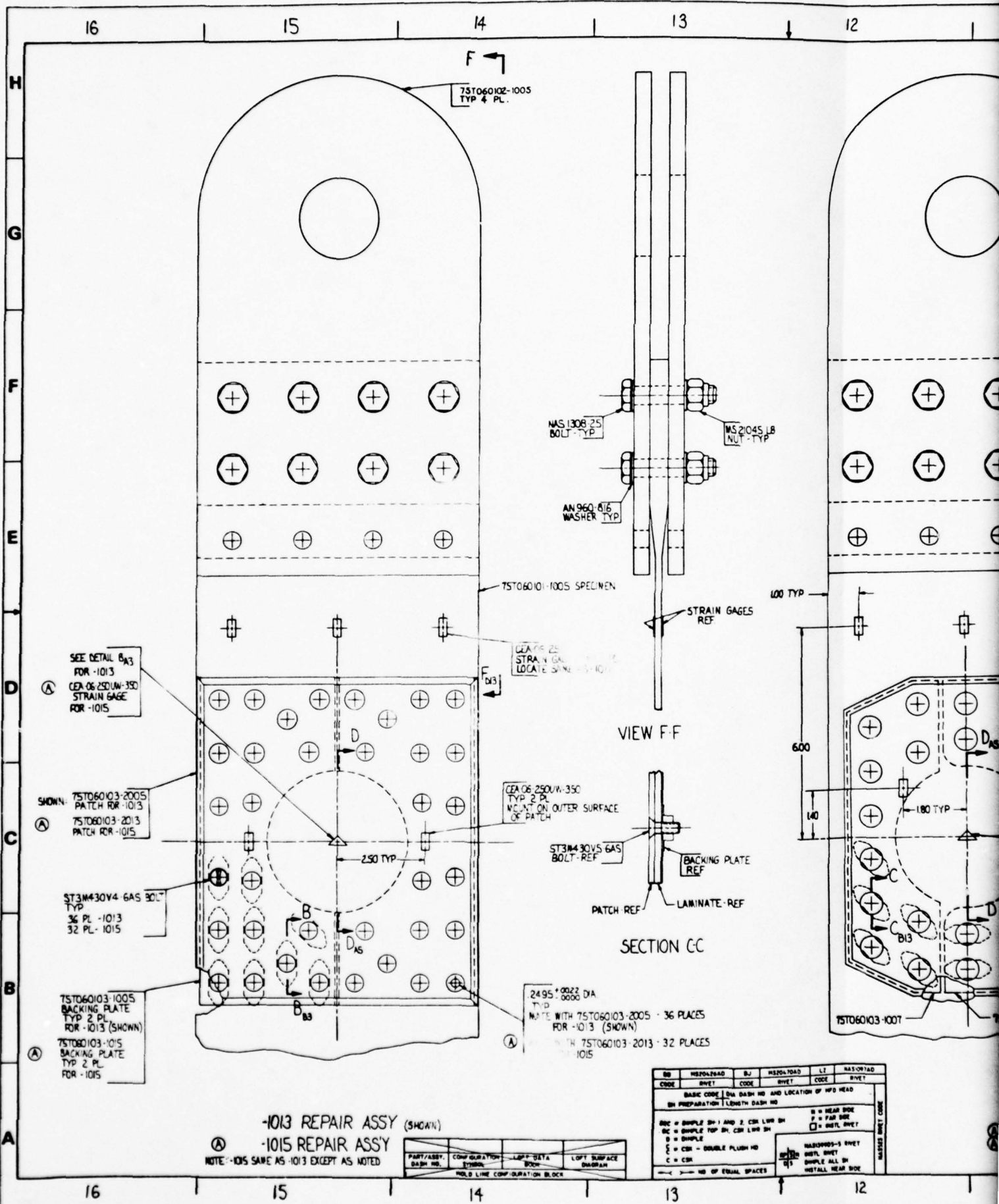


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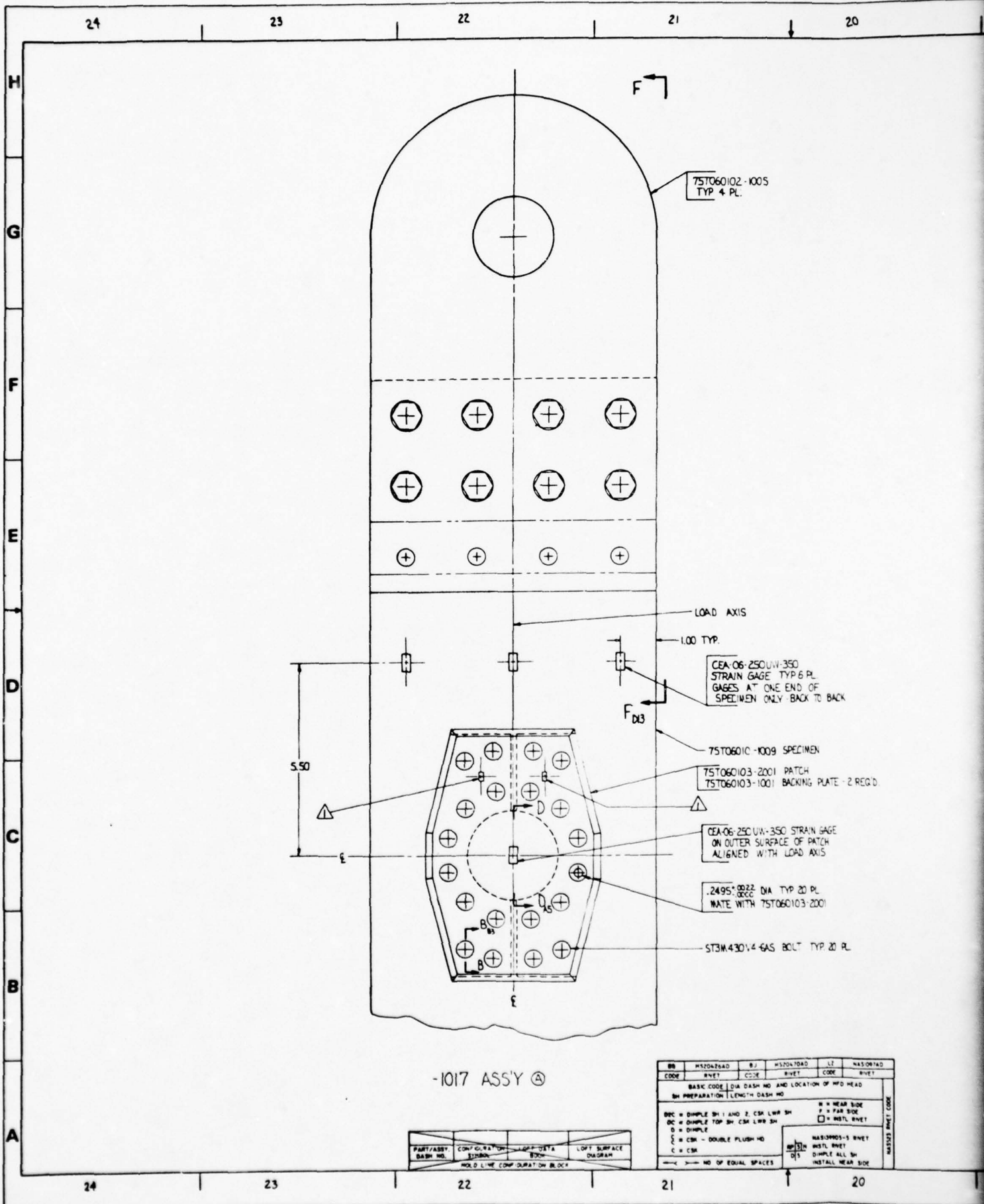
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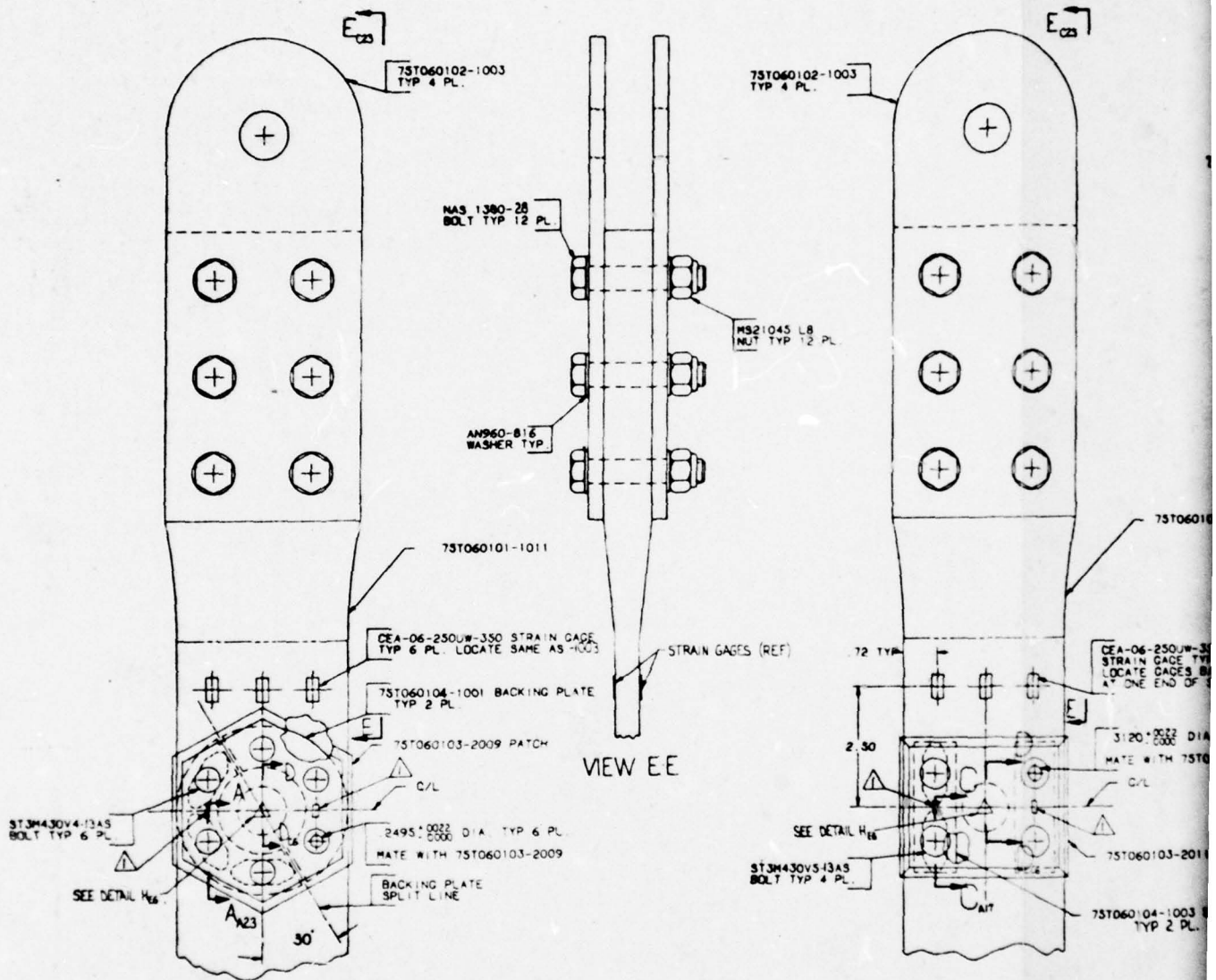
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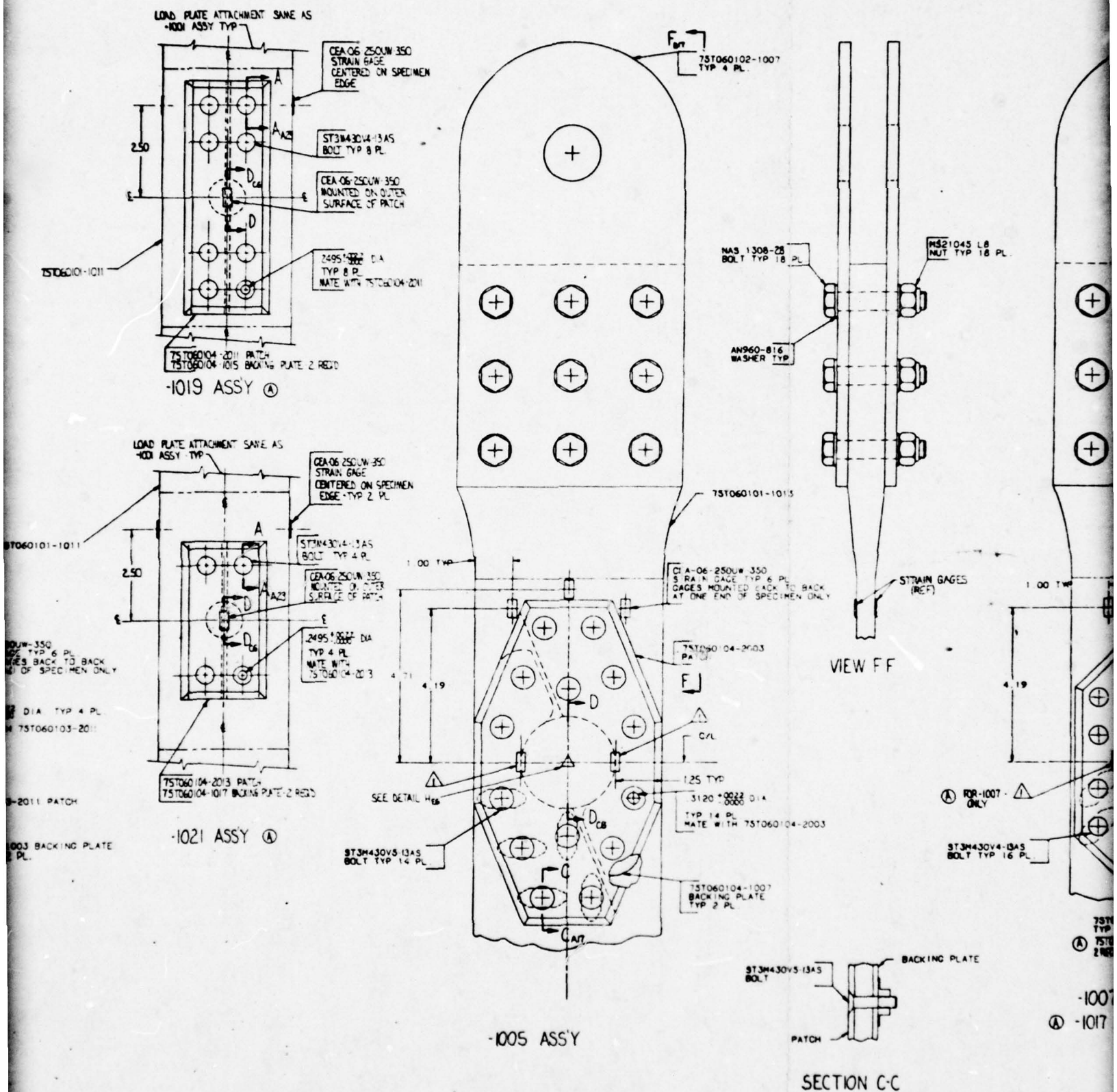
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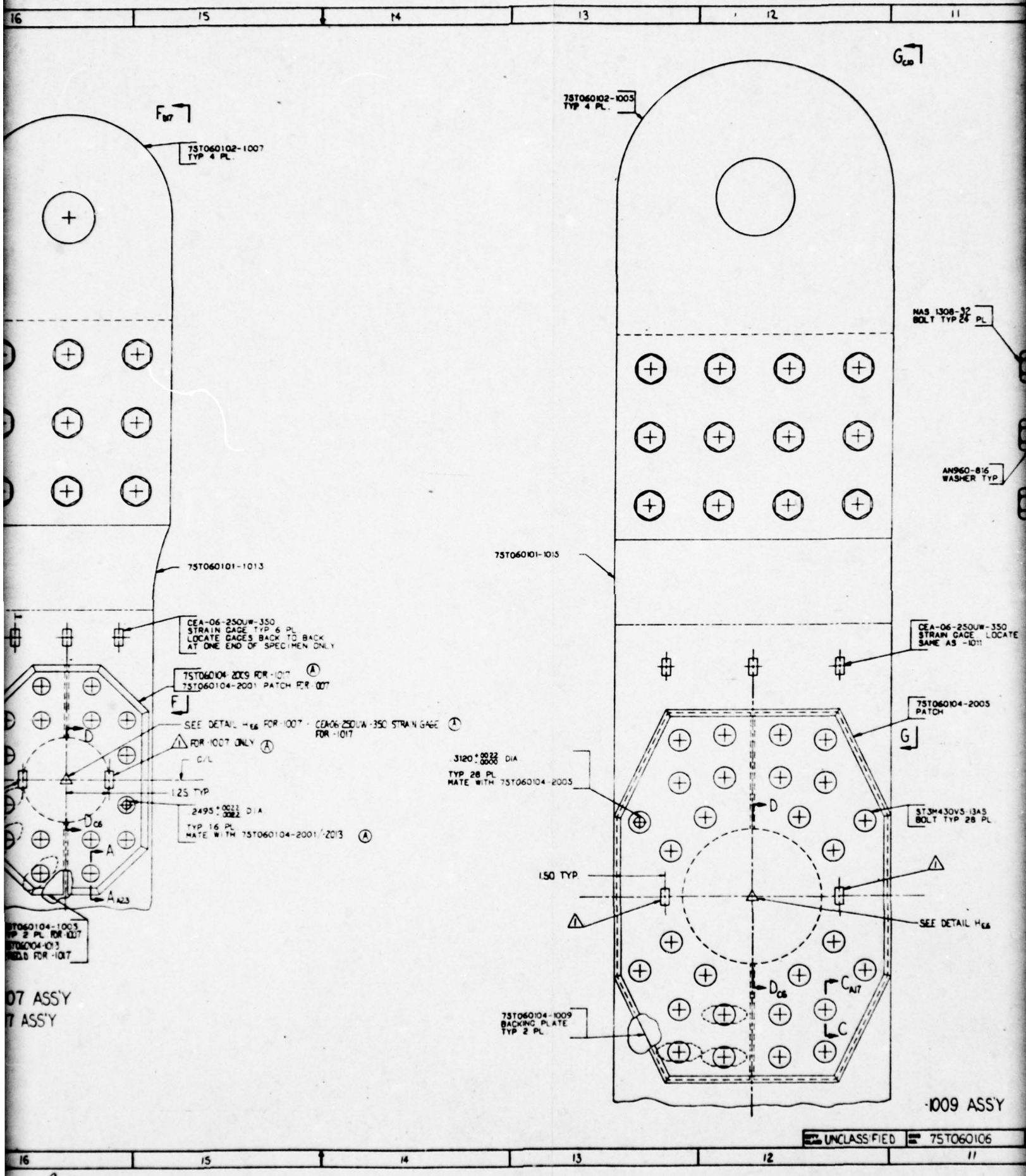
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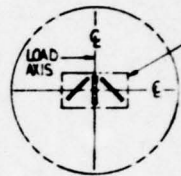
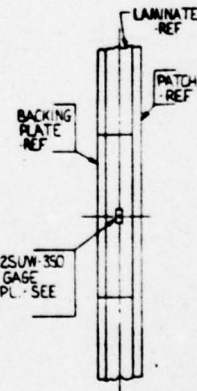
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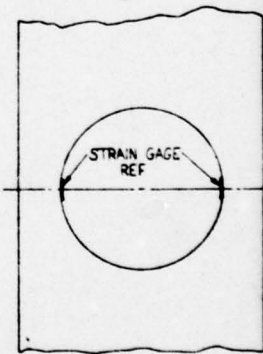
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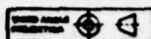
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▲ BOLTS MAY BE RE-USED ON MULTIPLE TEST ARTICLES.  
▲ ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE STAINLESS-32 USE WASHERS TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY EXCESS BOLT LENGTH.  
▲ CEA 60125UW-35C STRAIN GAGE MOUNTED ON OUTER SURFACE OF PATCH TYP 2 PLACES AS SHOWN

FIGURE A-6 DETAILED DRAWING OF REPAIR ASSEMBLIES  
FOR 1/2 LAMINATES  
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EA-06-125 RD-350  
STRAIN GAGE ROSETTE  
MOUNT GAGE ON OUTER  
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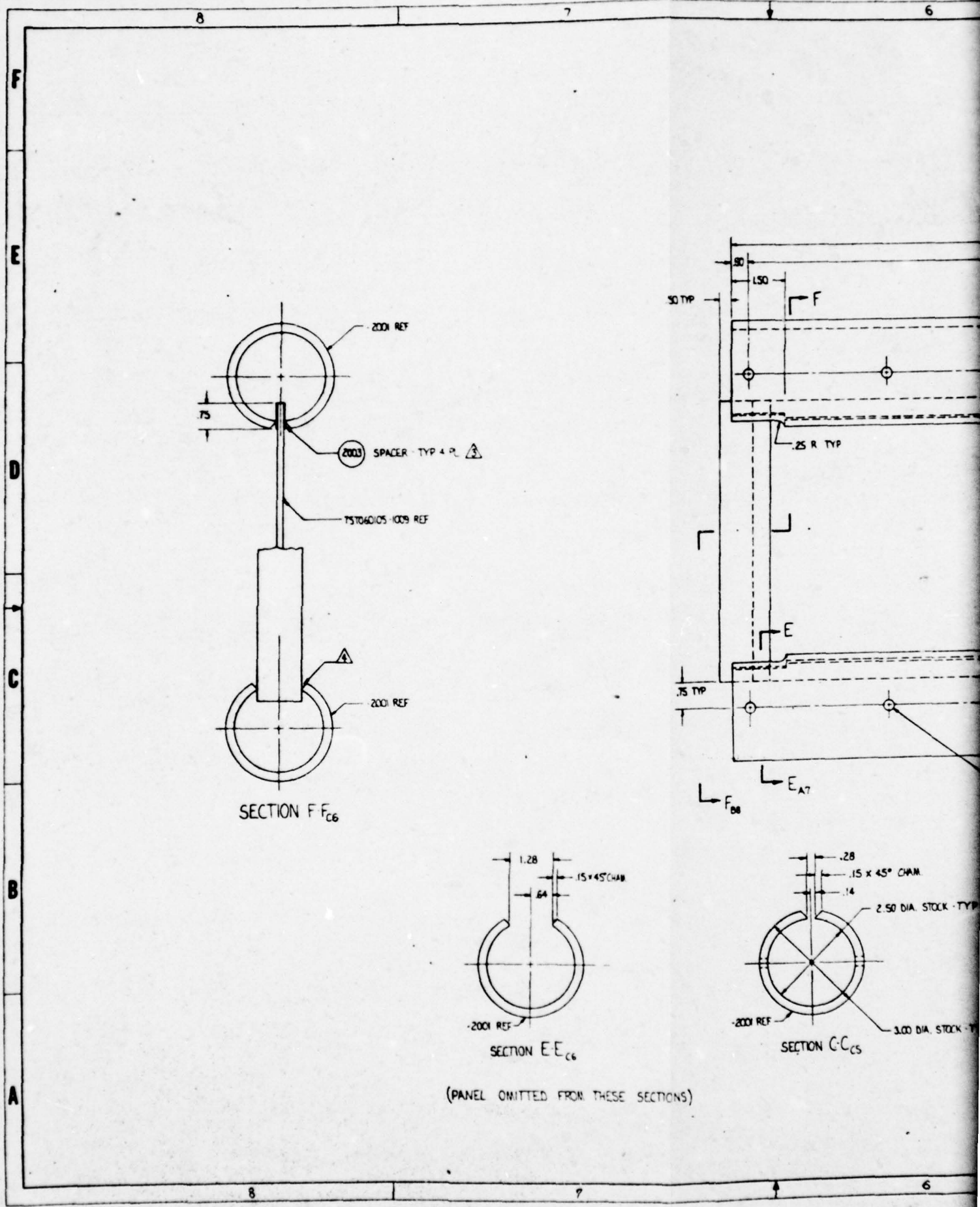
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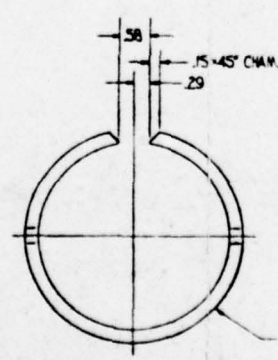
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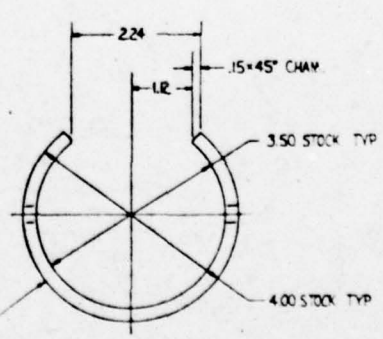
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APPENDIX B

STRAIN GAGE DATA

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### STRAIN GAGE DATA

Strain Gage Data for all tests conducted are presented herein. Refer to Figures 3-2, 3-3 and 3-4 for the locations of the strain gages on the specimens.

FIGURE NO	TEST SPECIMEN NO	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMEN
B-1	75T060105-1001	3/16 Laminate
B-2	75T060105-1003	1.0 Diameter
B-3	75T060105-1019 #1	Damage Hole
B-4	75T060105-1019 #2	
B-5	75T060105-1005 #1	3/16 Laminate
B-6	75T060105-1007	2.50 Diameter
B-7	75T060105-1005 #2	Damage Hole
B-8	75T060105-1005 #3	
B-9	75T060105-1011	3/16 Laminate
B-10	75T060105-1013	4.0 Diameter
B-11	75T060105-1015 #1	Damage Hole
B-12	75T060105-1015 #2	
B-13	75T060105-1017	3/16 Laminate Off-Axis
B-14	75T060105-1009	3/16 Laminate Compression
B-15	75T060106-1019	1/2 Laminate
B-16	75T060106-1021 #1	1.0 Diameter
B-17	75T060106-1021 #2	Damage Hole
B-18	75T060106-1021 #3	
B-19	75T060106-1005	1/2 Laminate
B-20	75T060106-1007 #1	2.50 Diameter
B-21	75T060106-1007 #2	Damage Hole
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B-26	75T060106-1011 #3	
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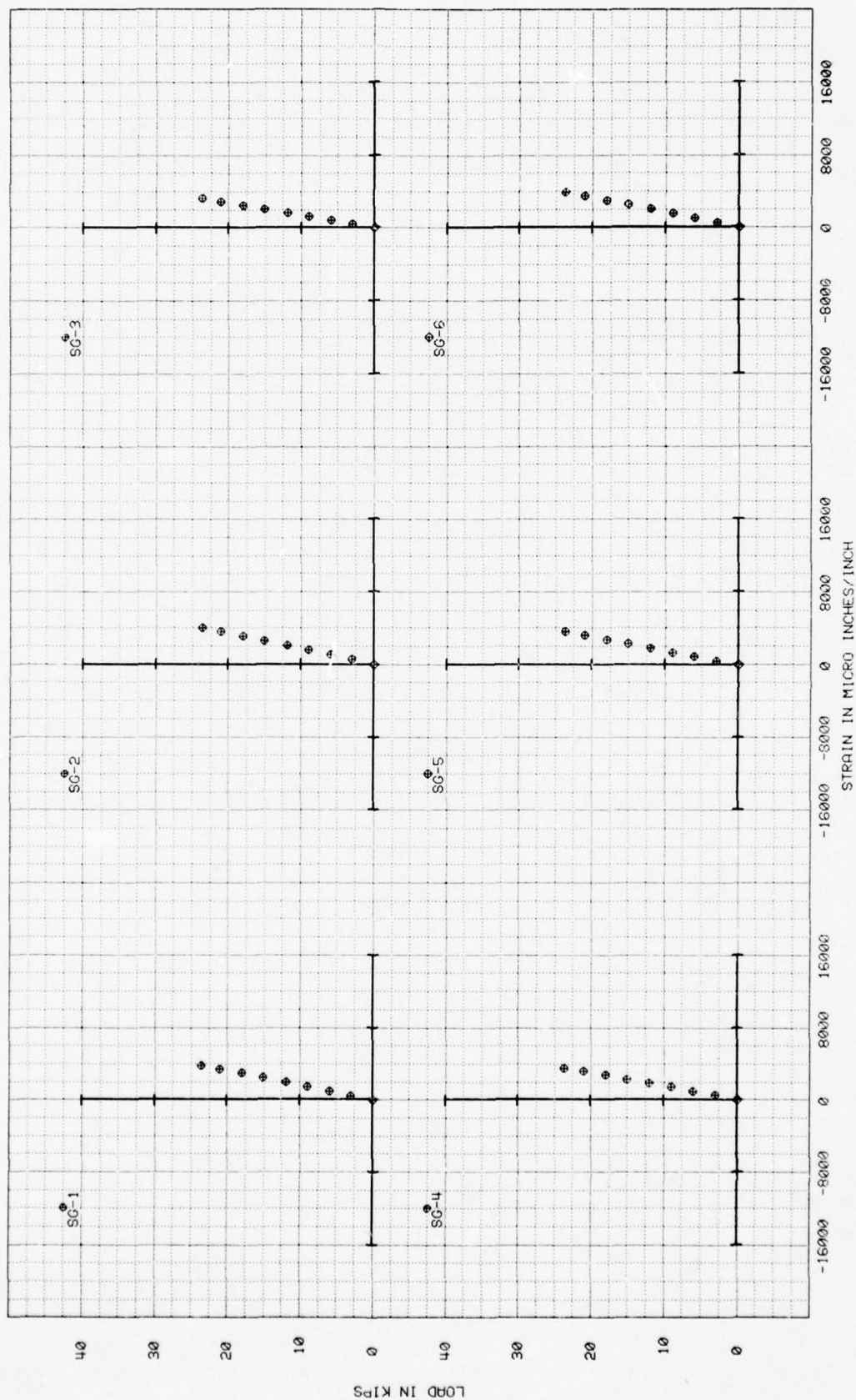


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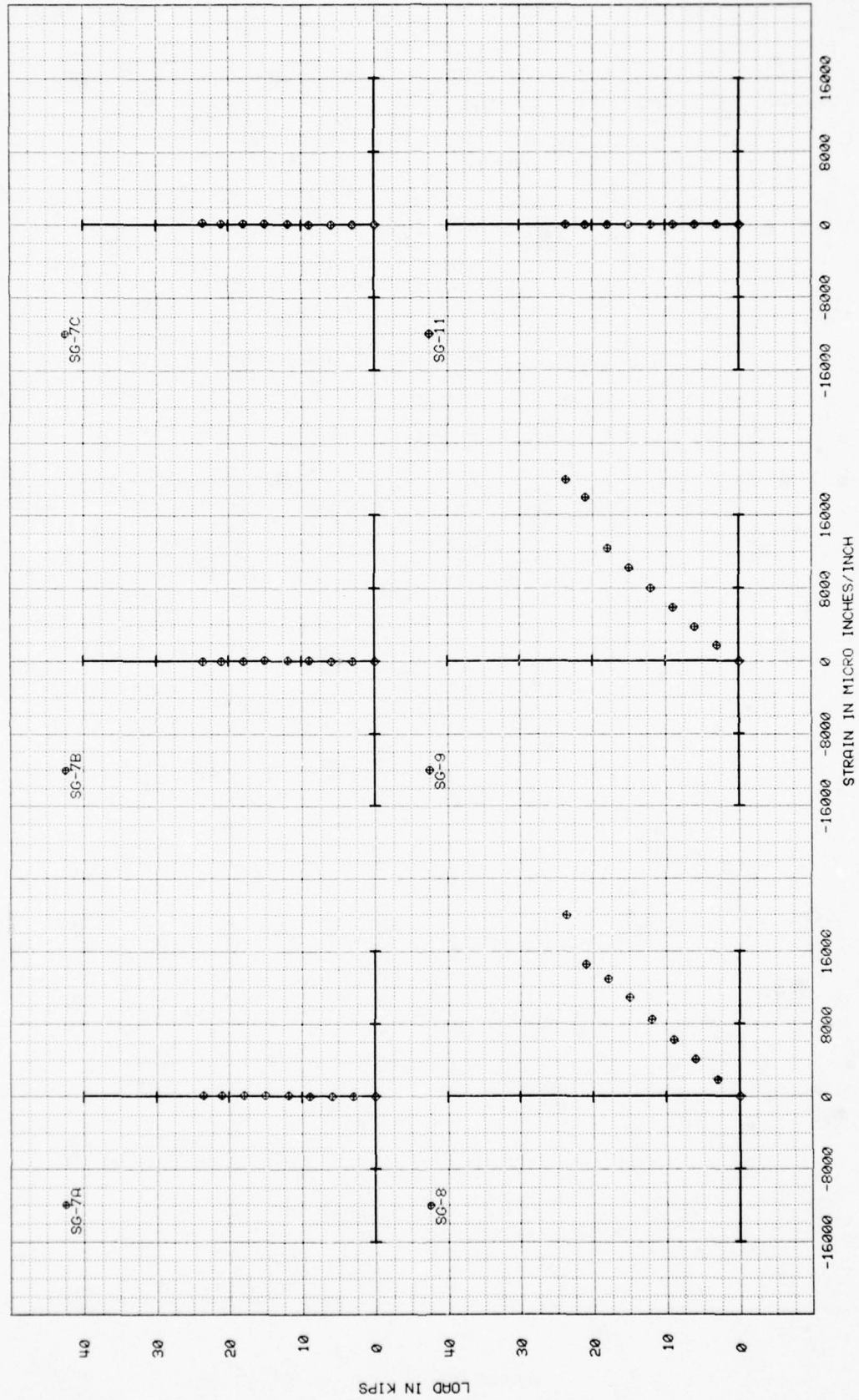


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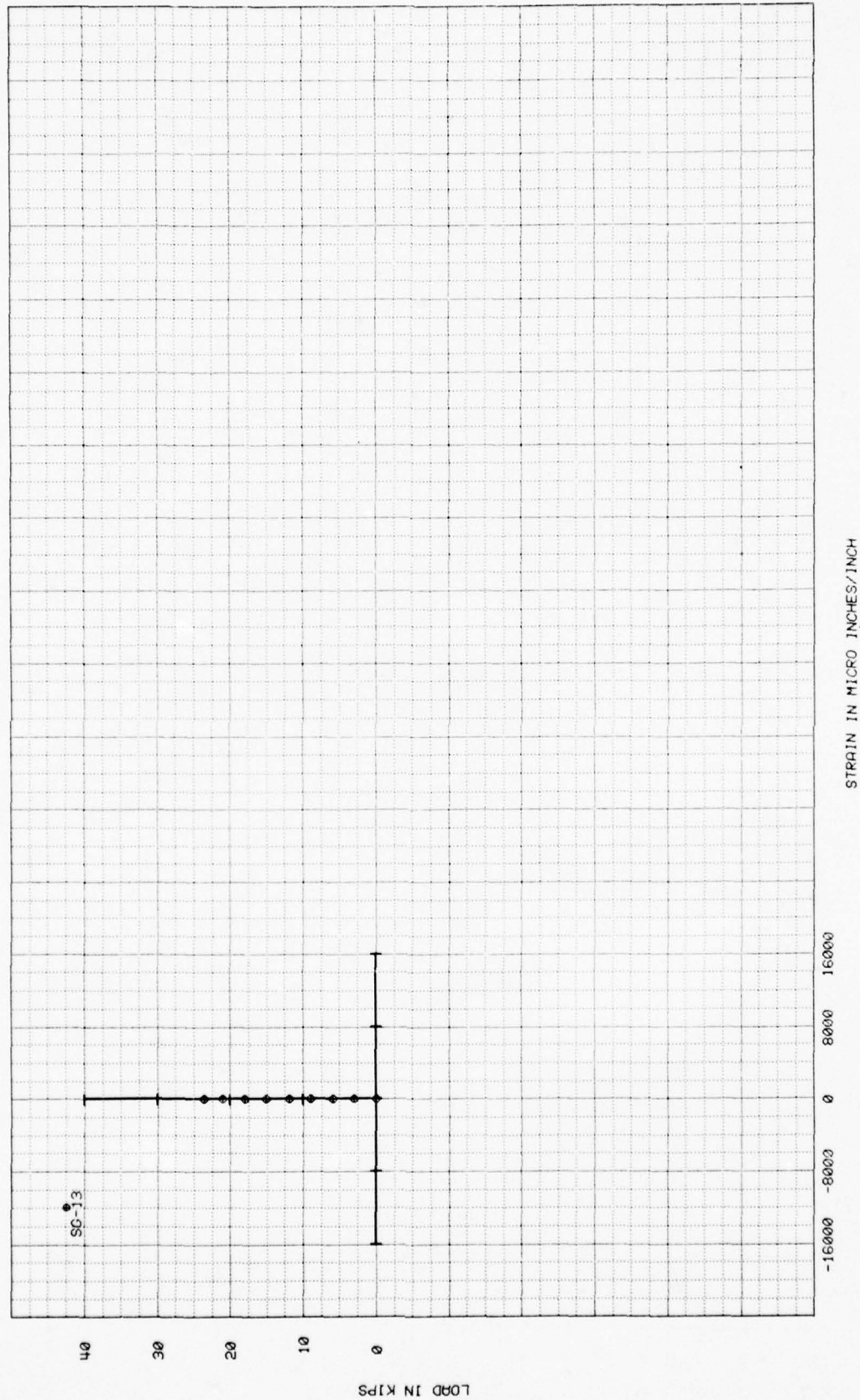


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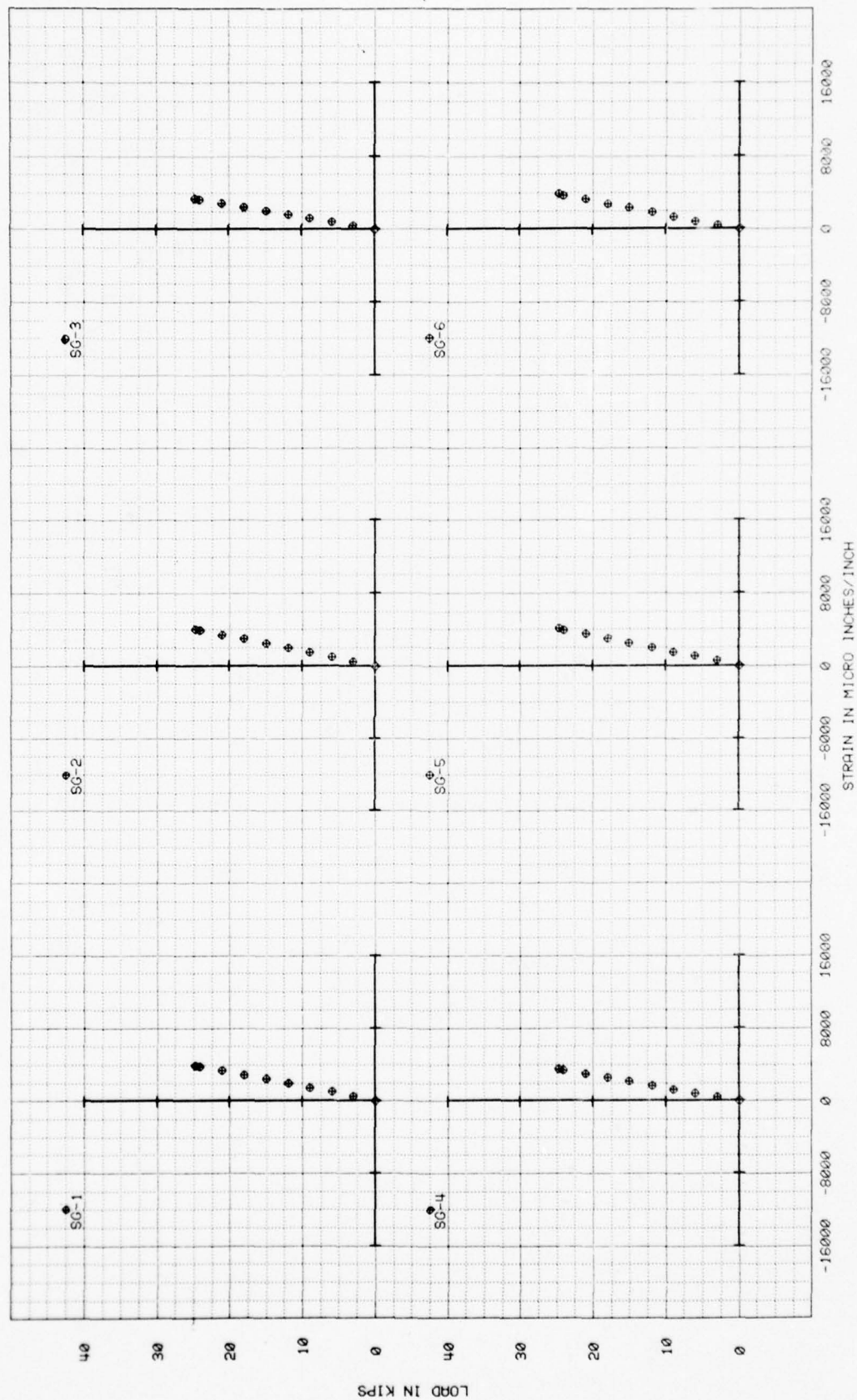


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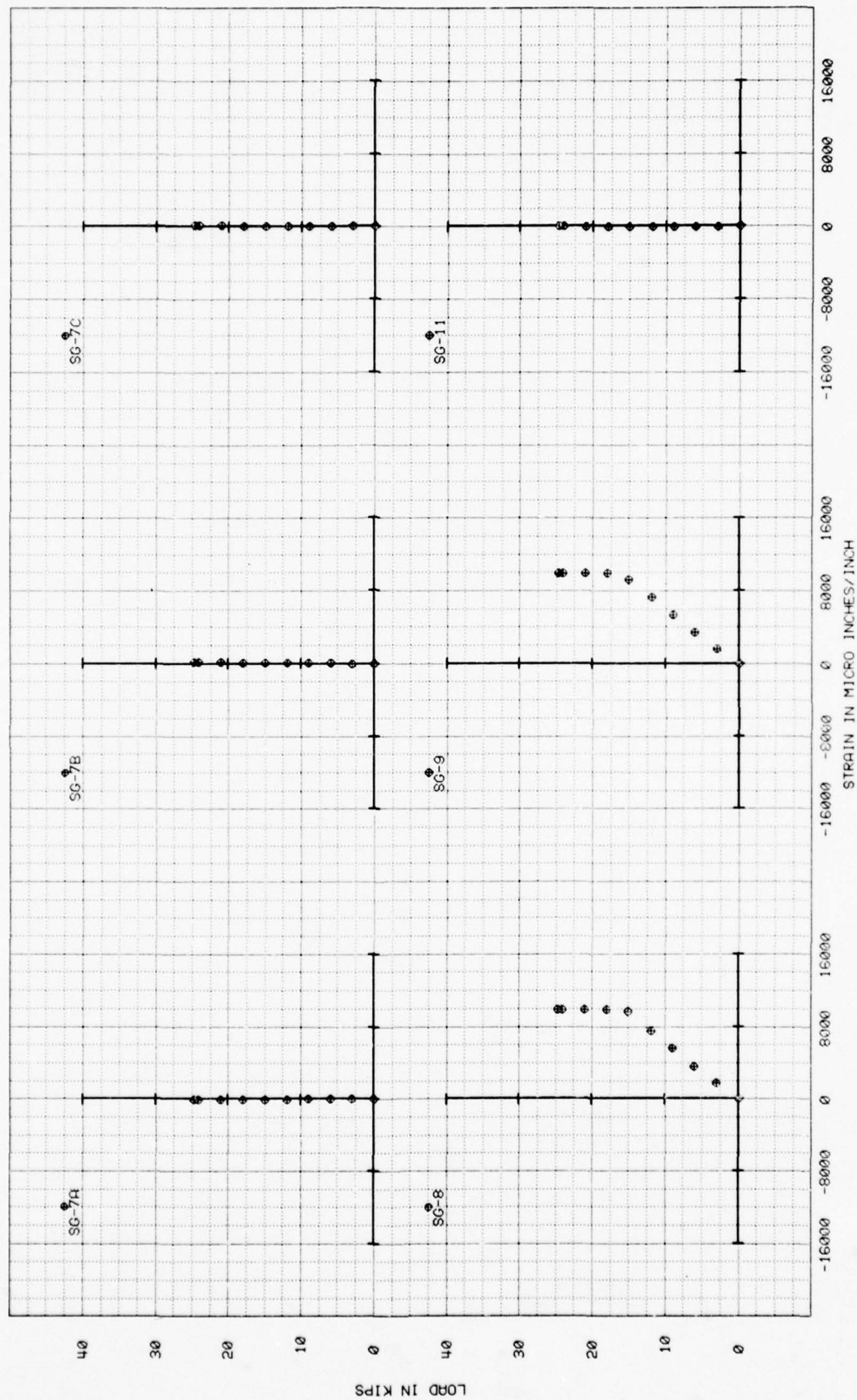


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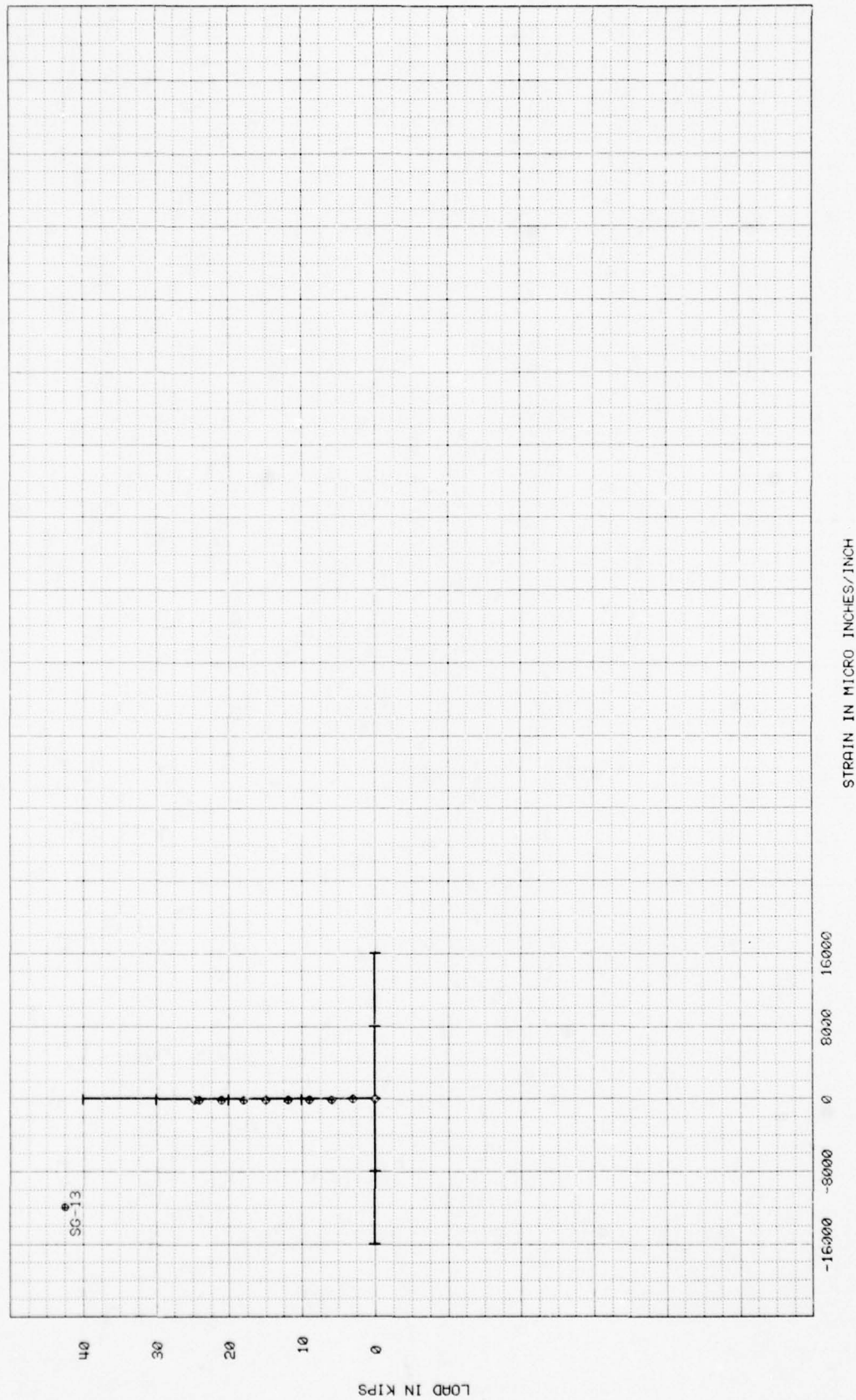


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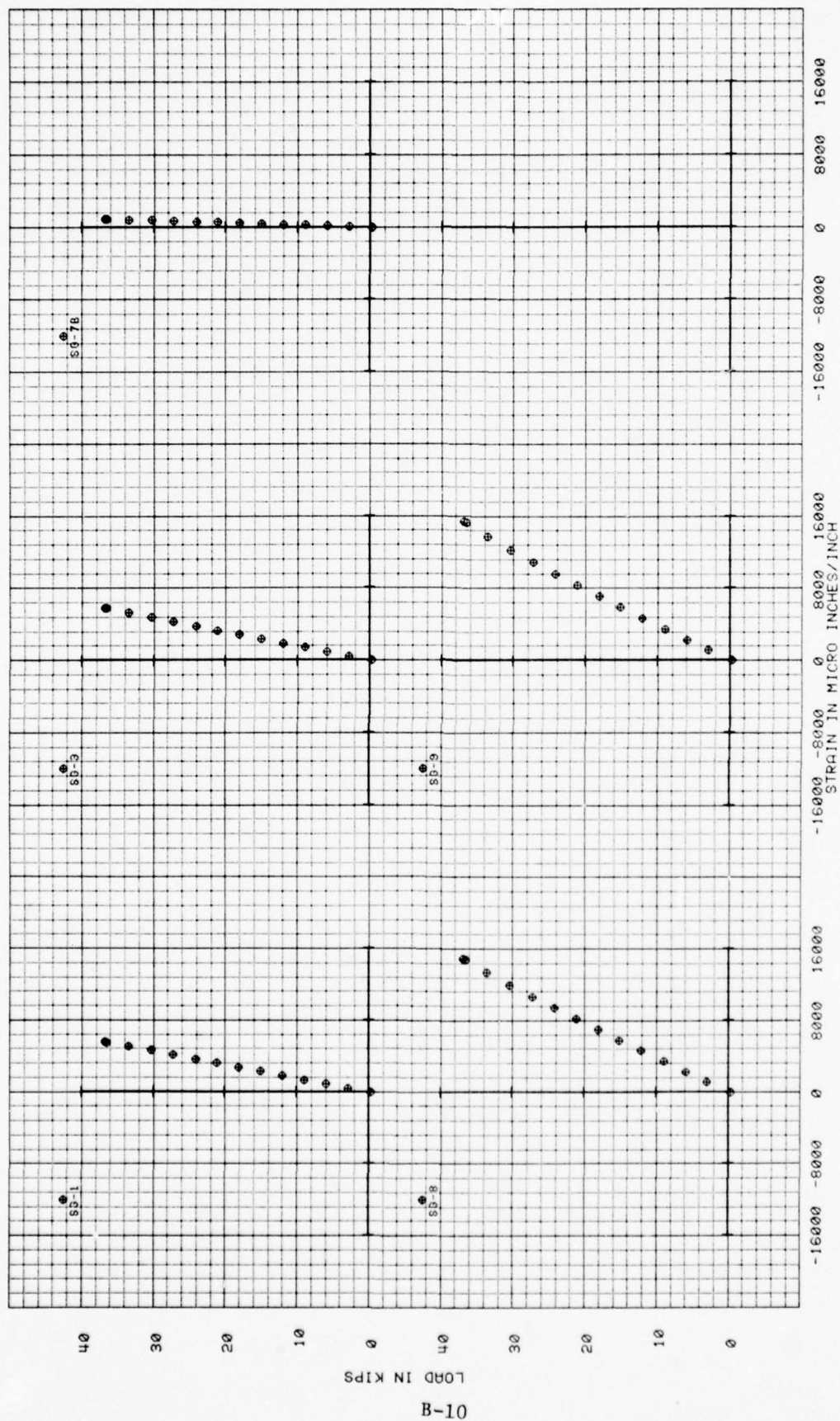


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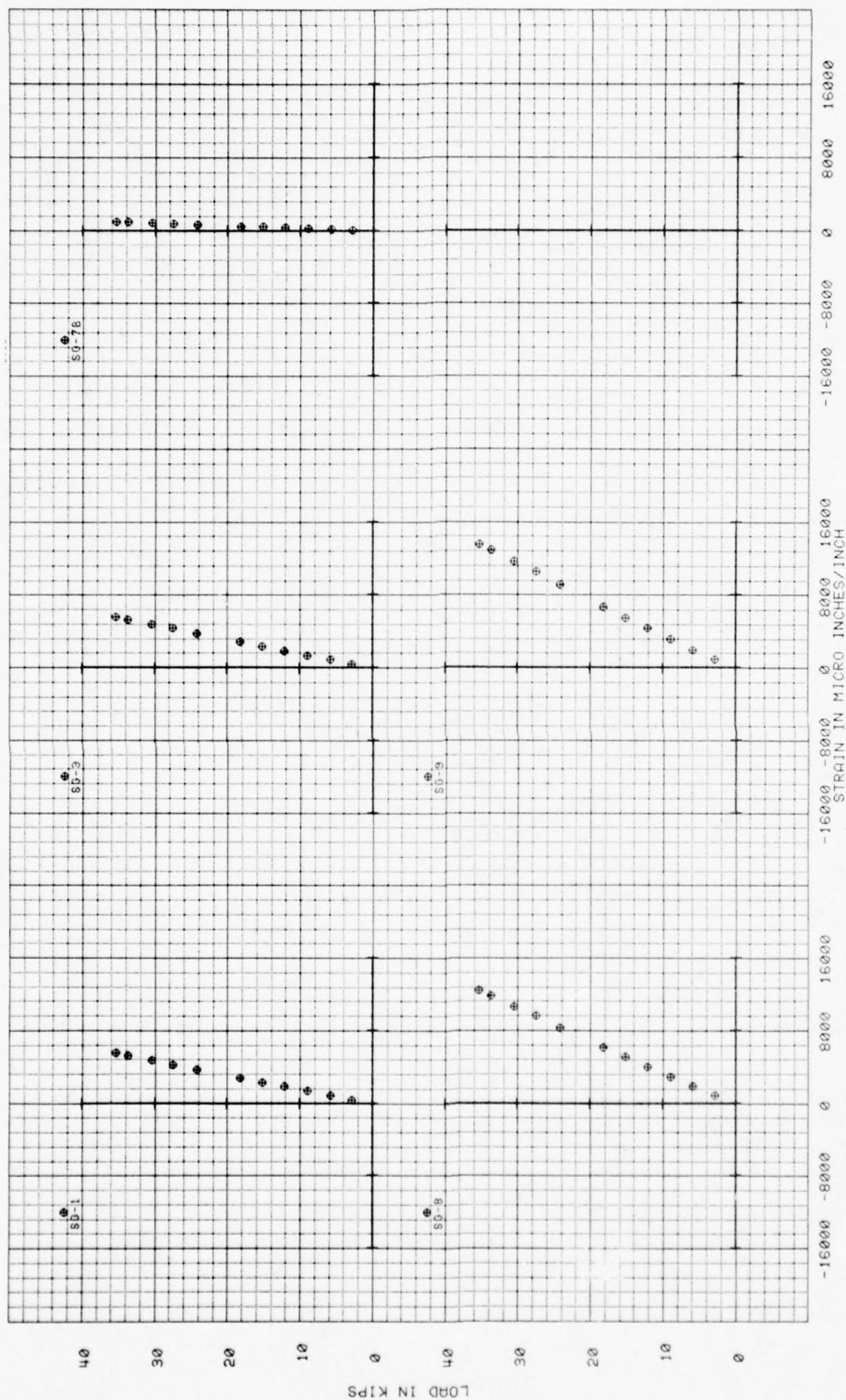


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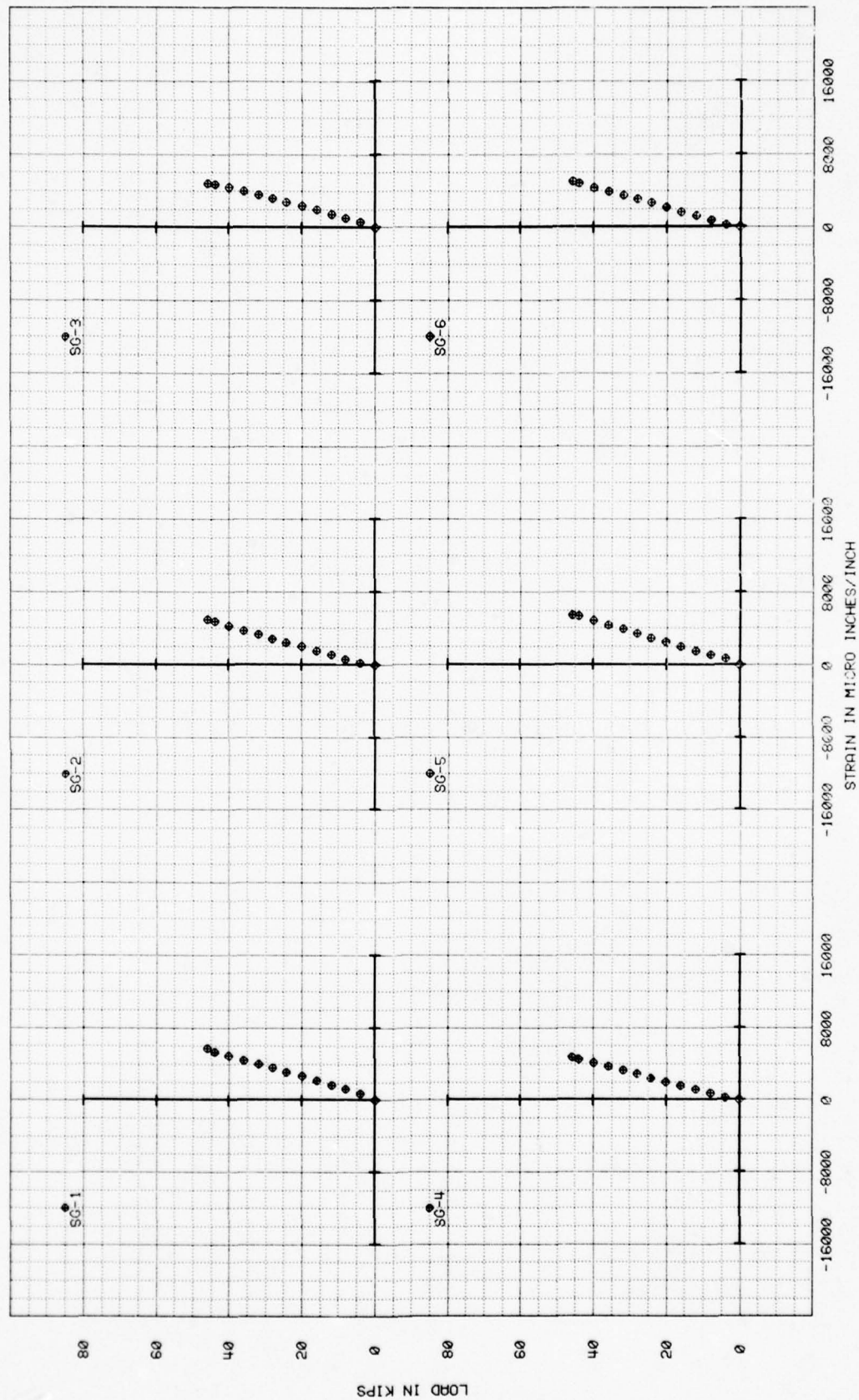


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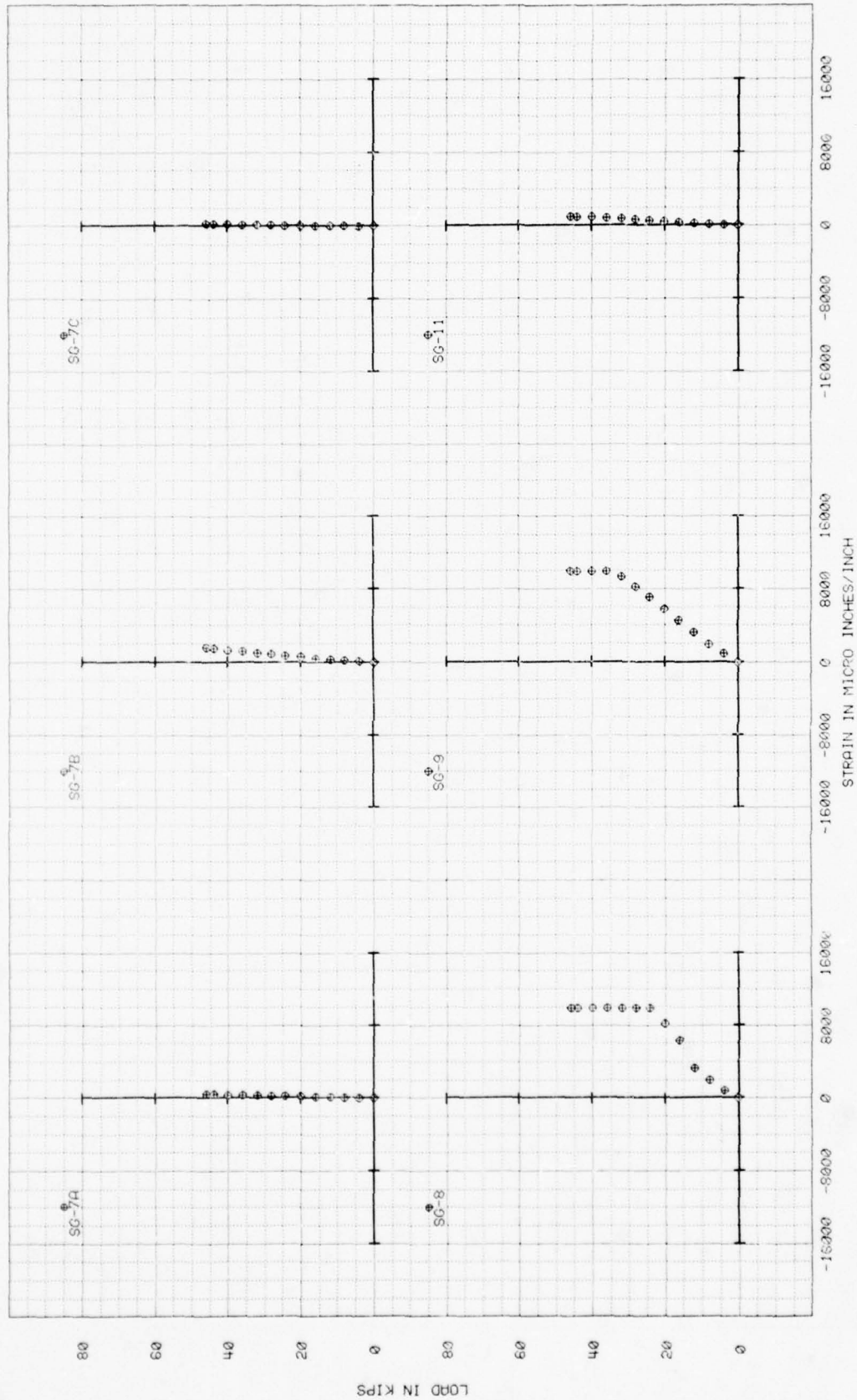


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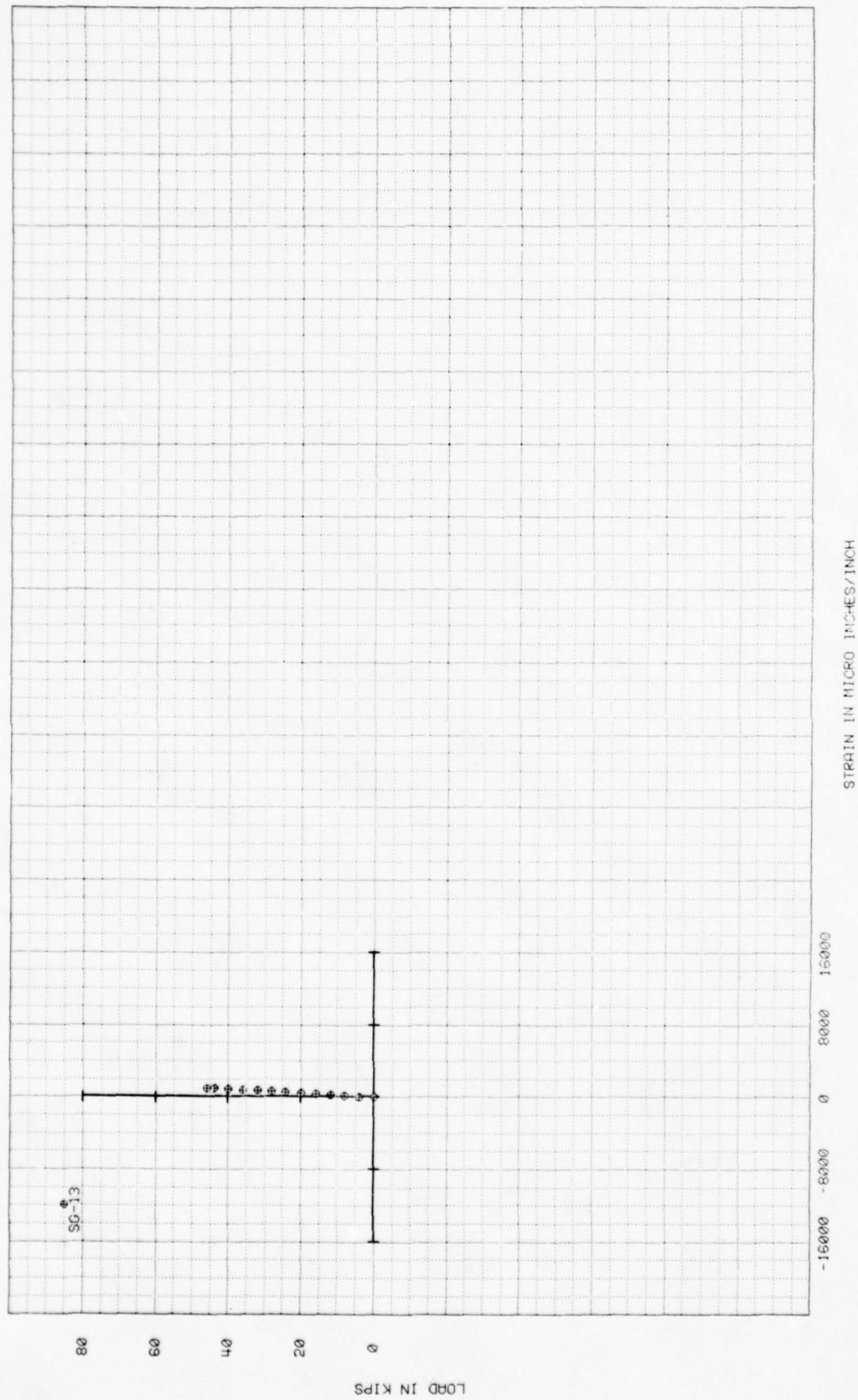


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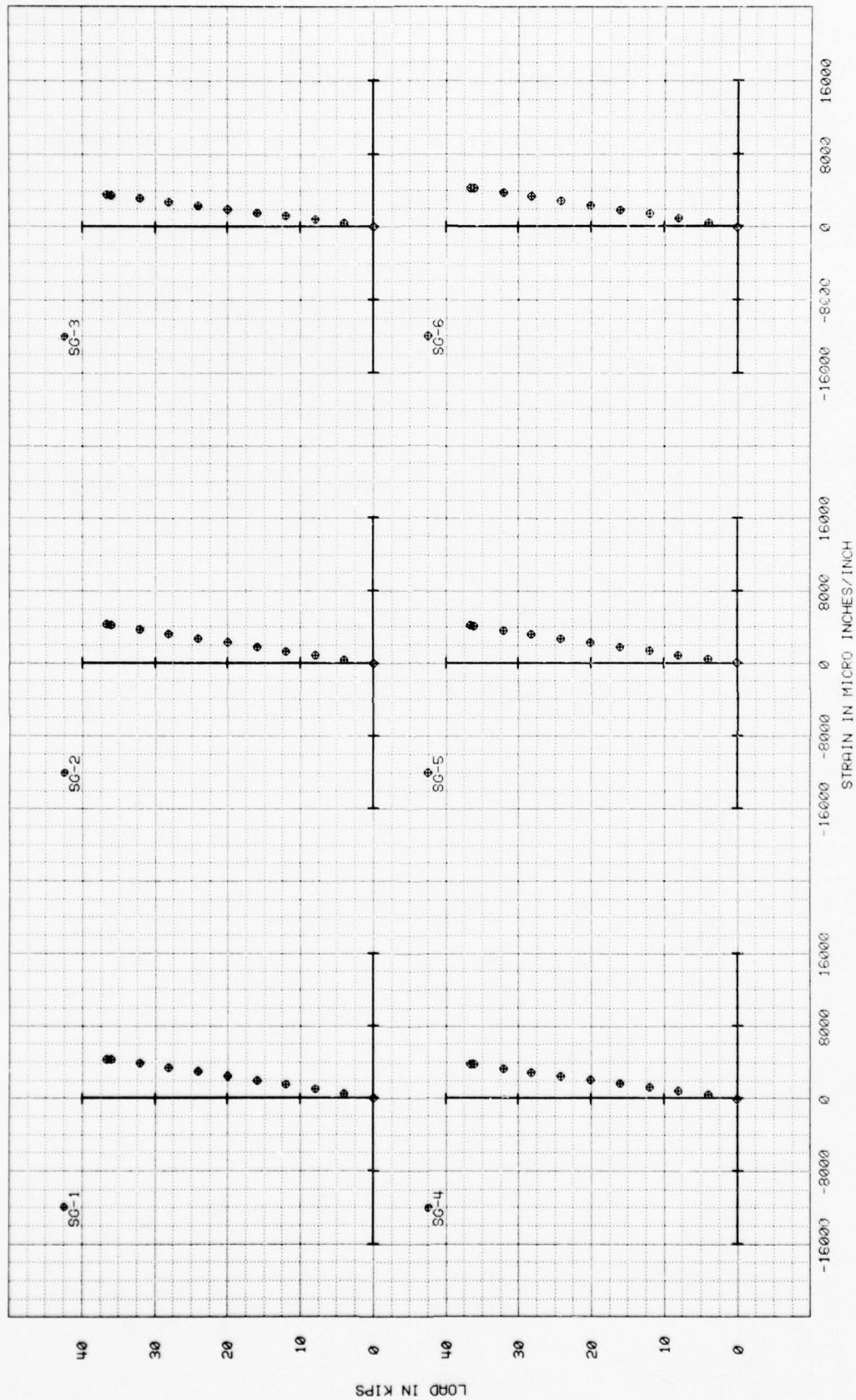


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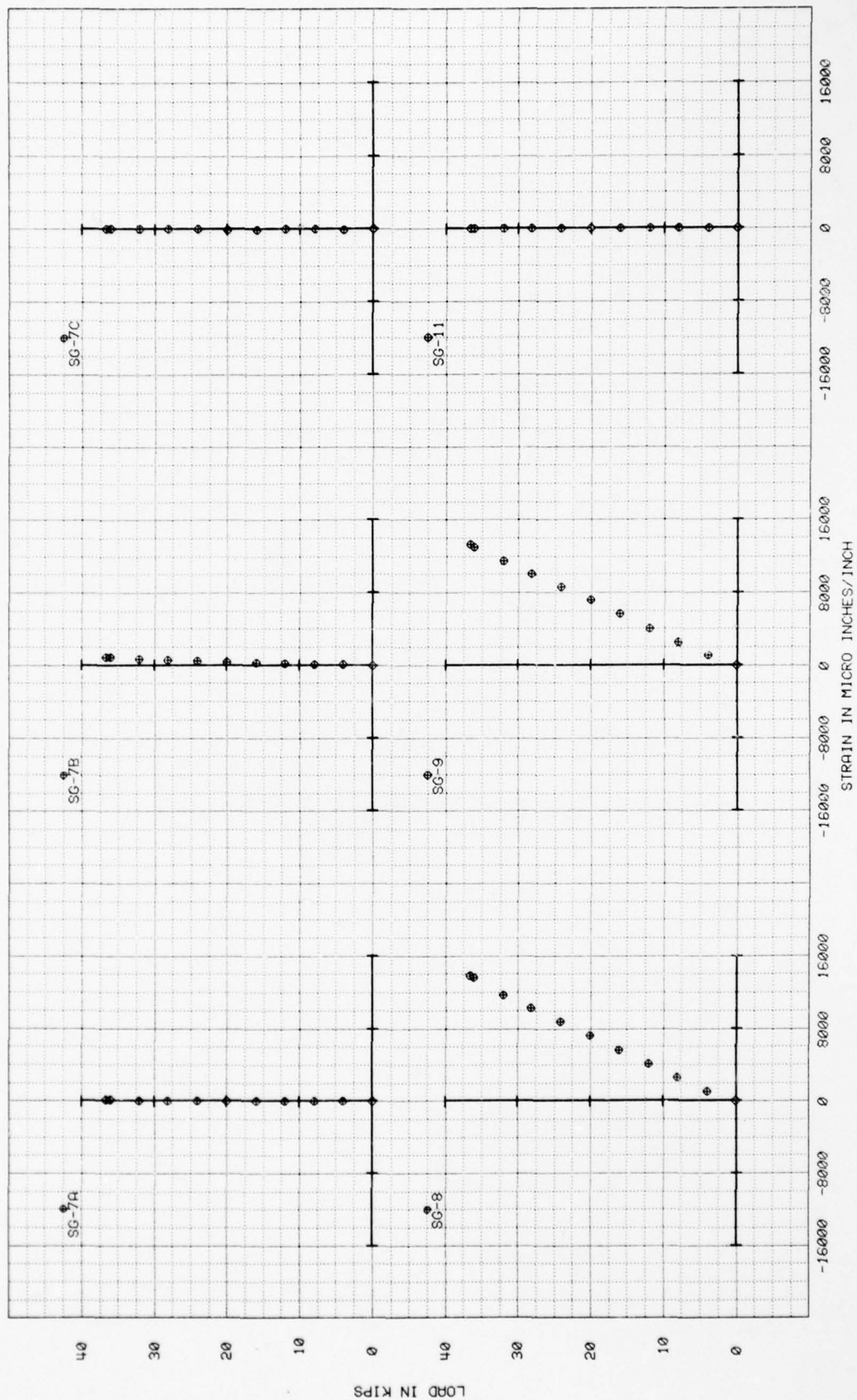


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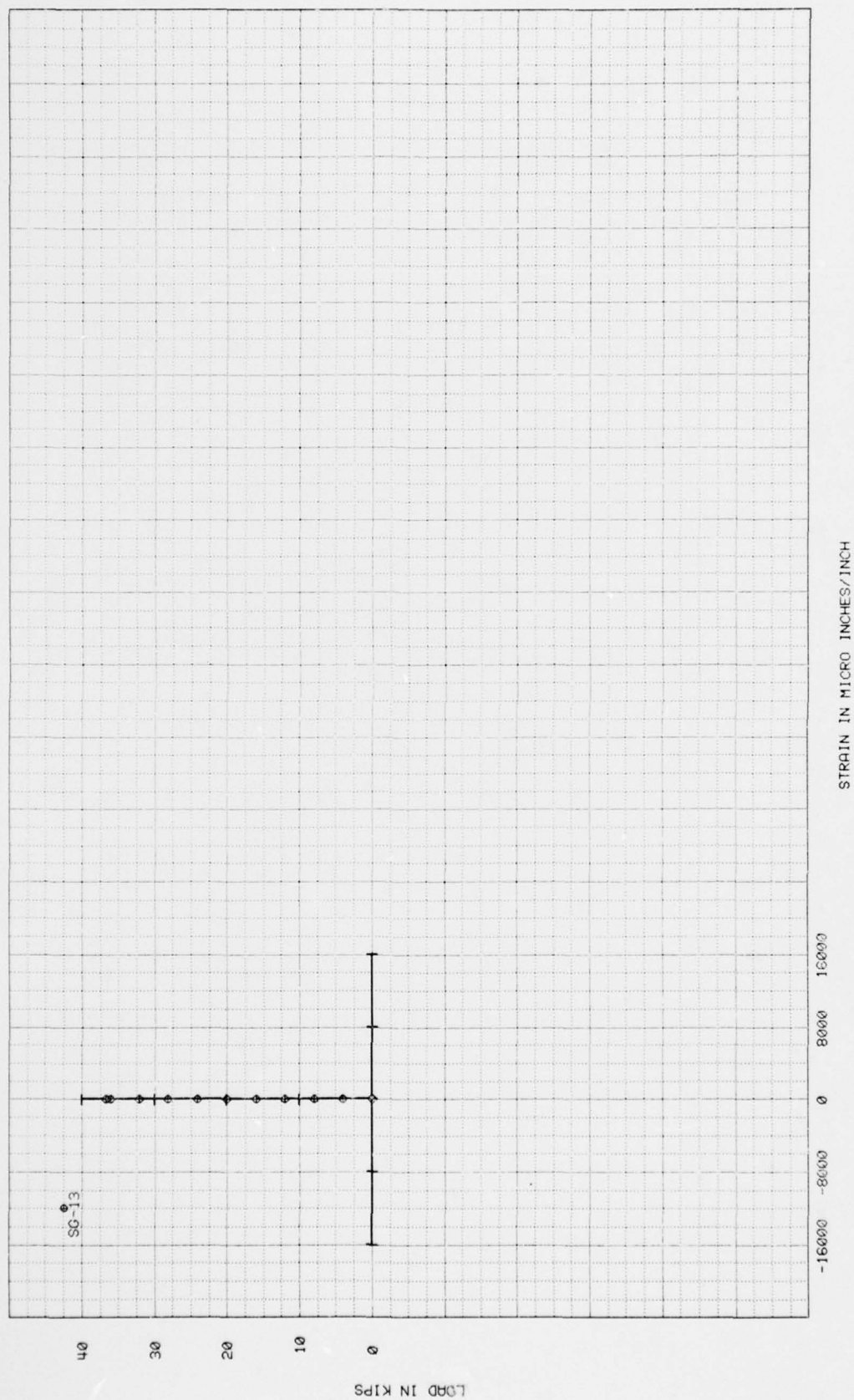


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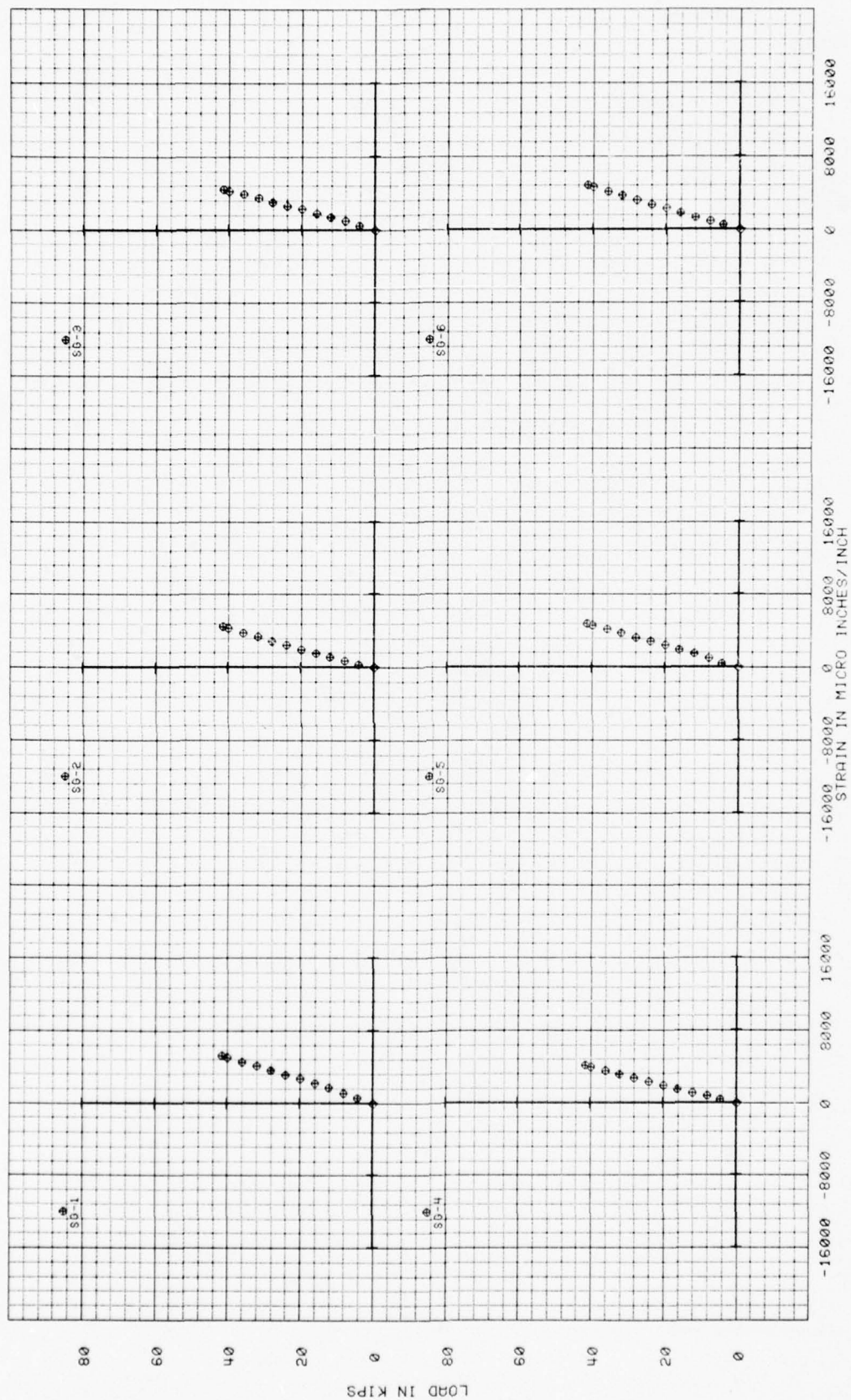


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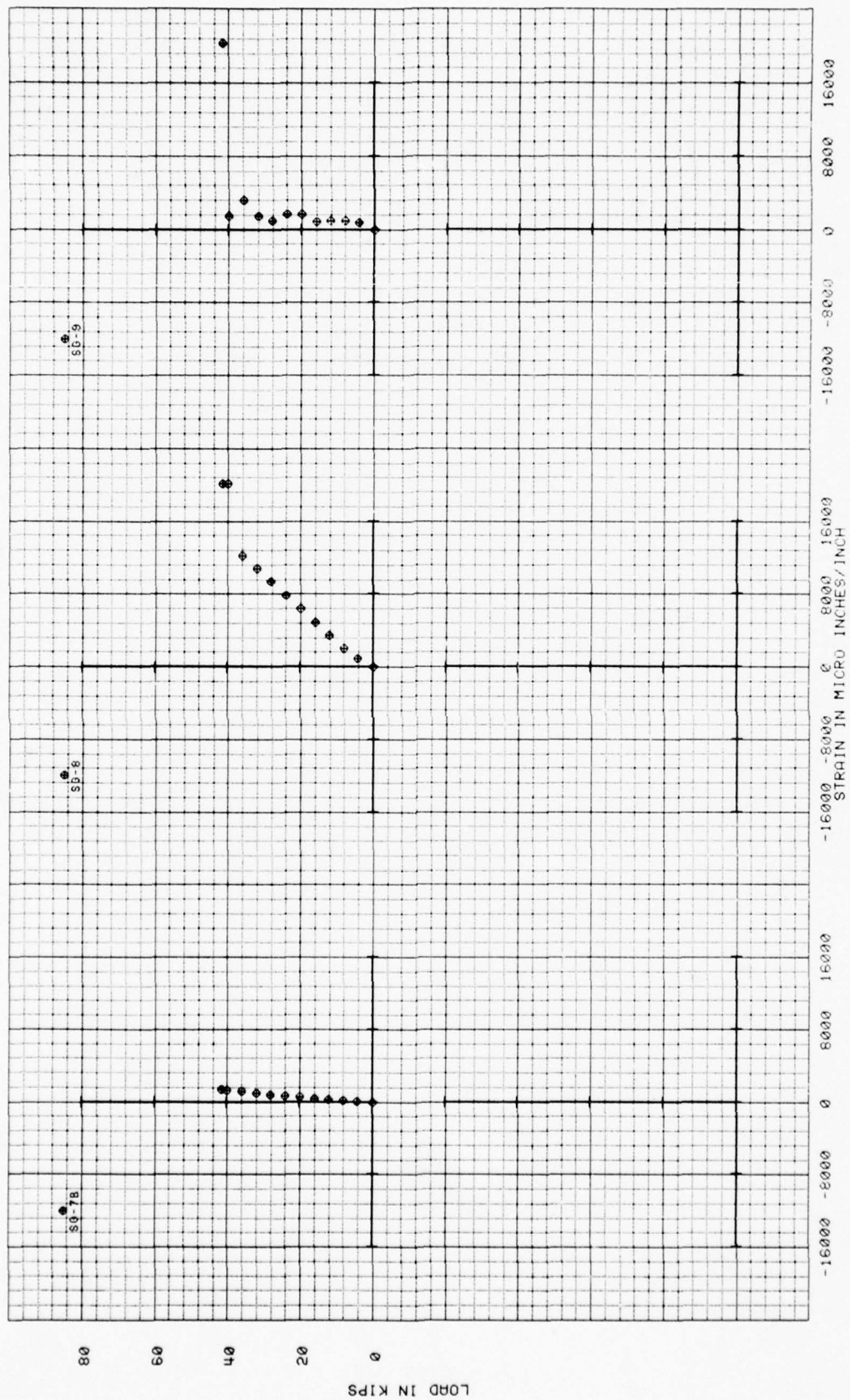


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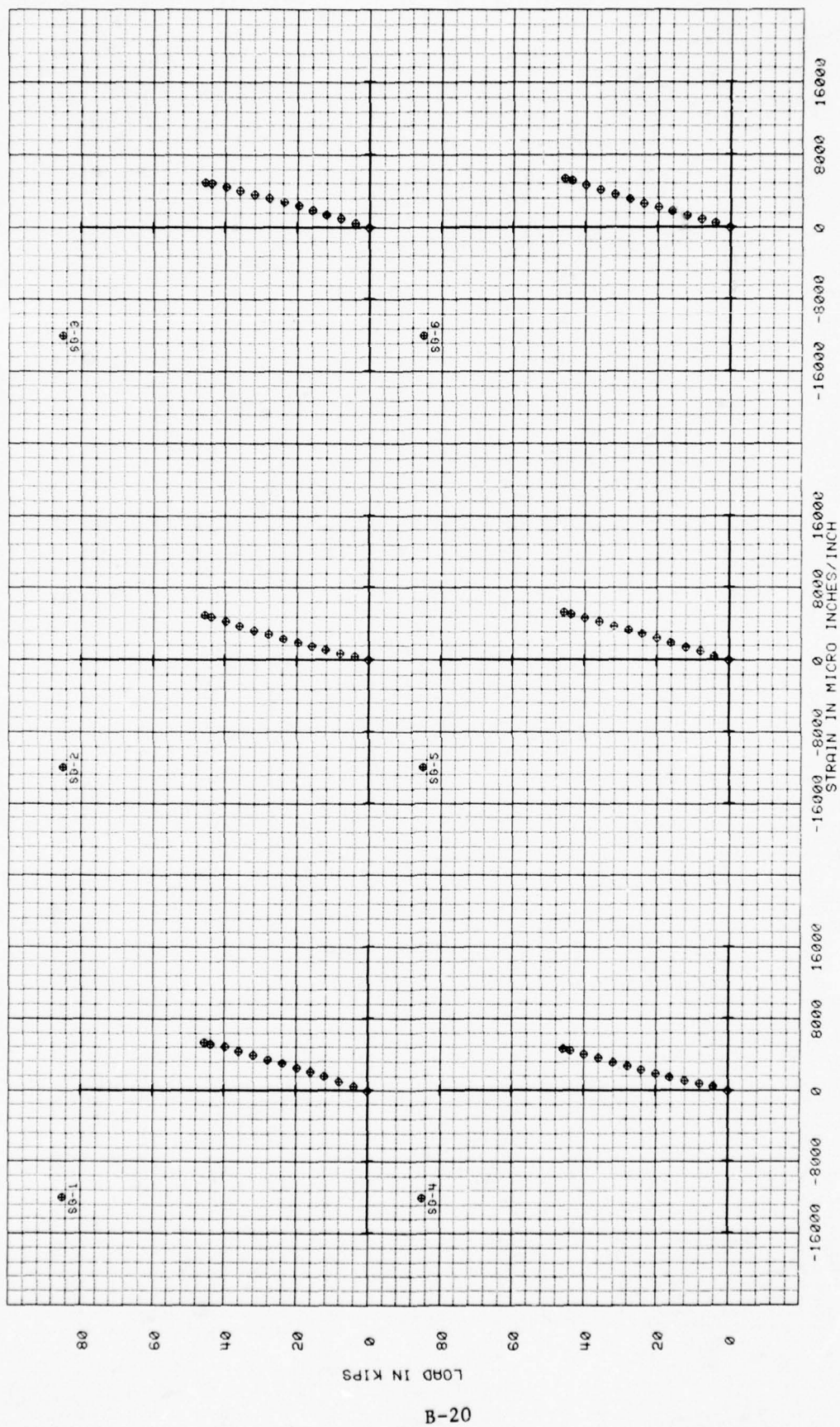


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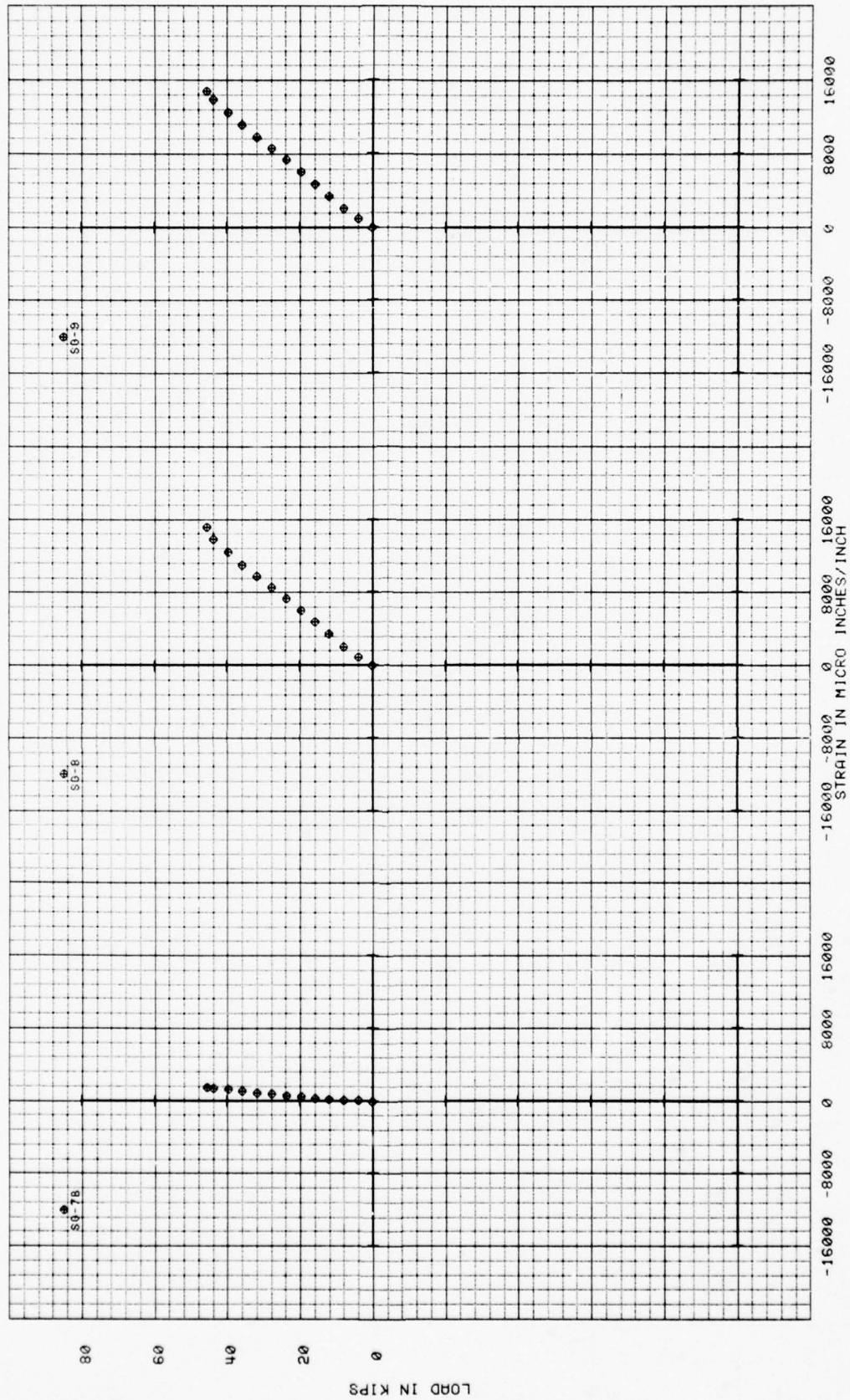


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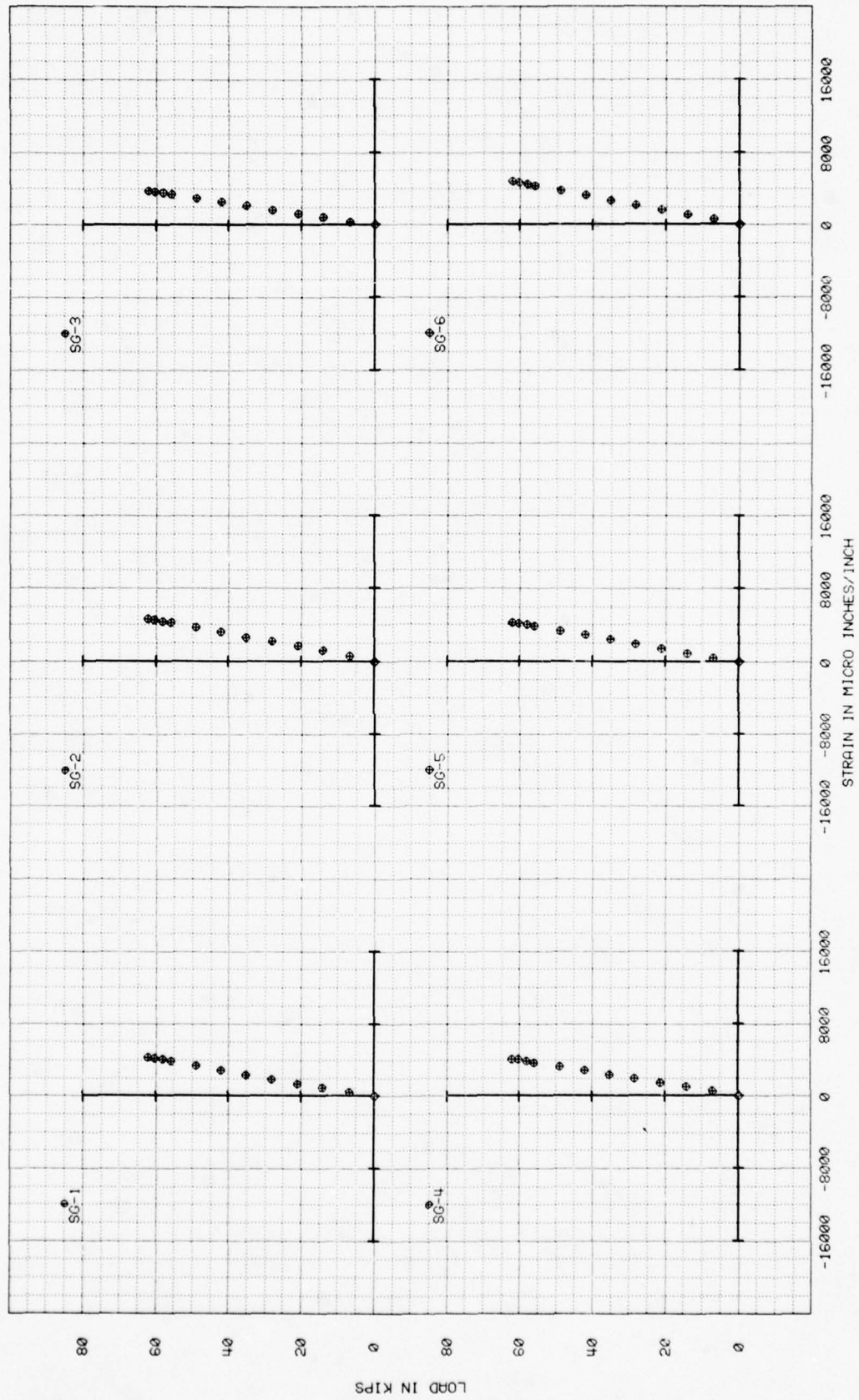


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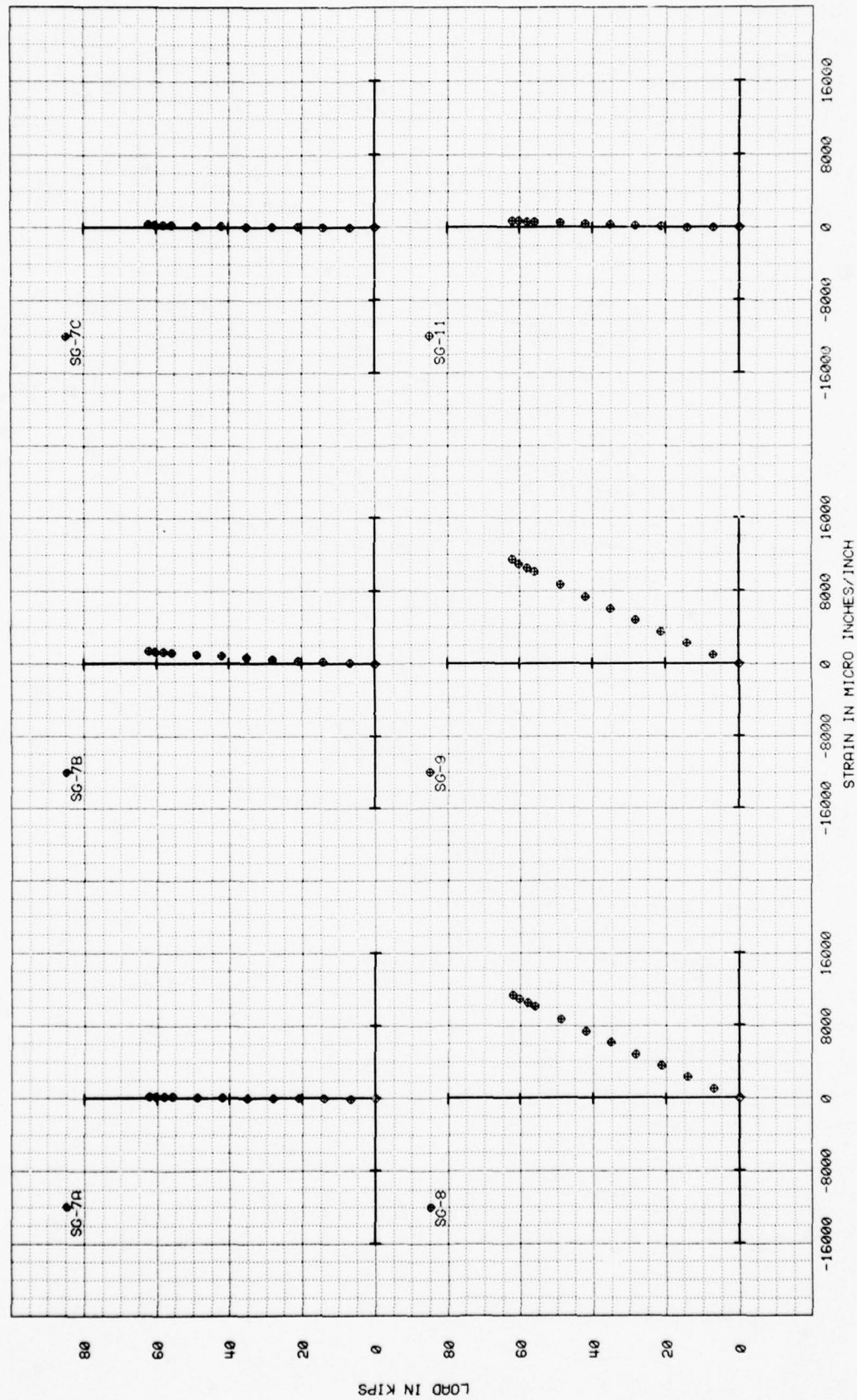


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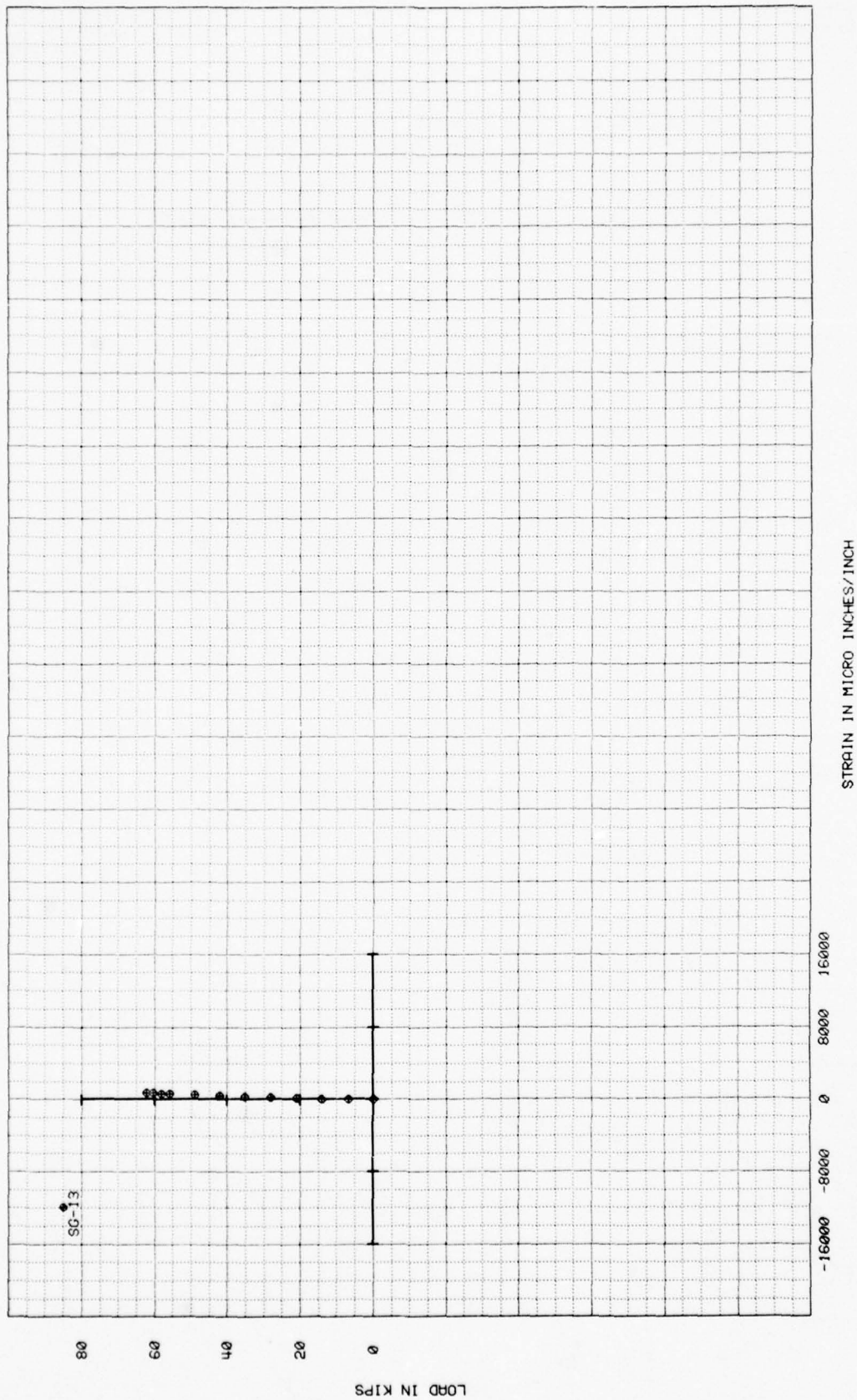


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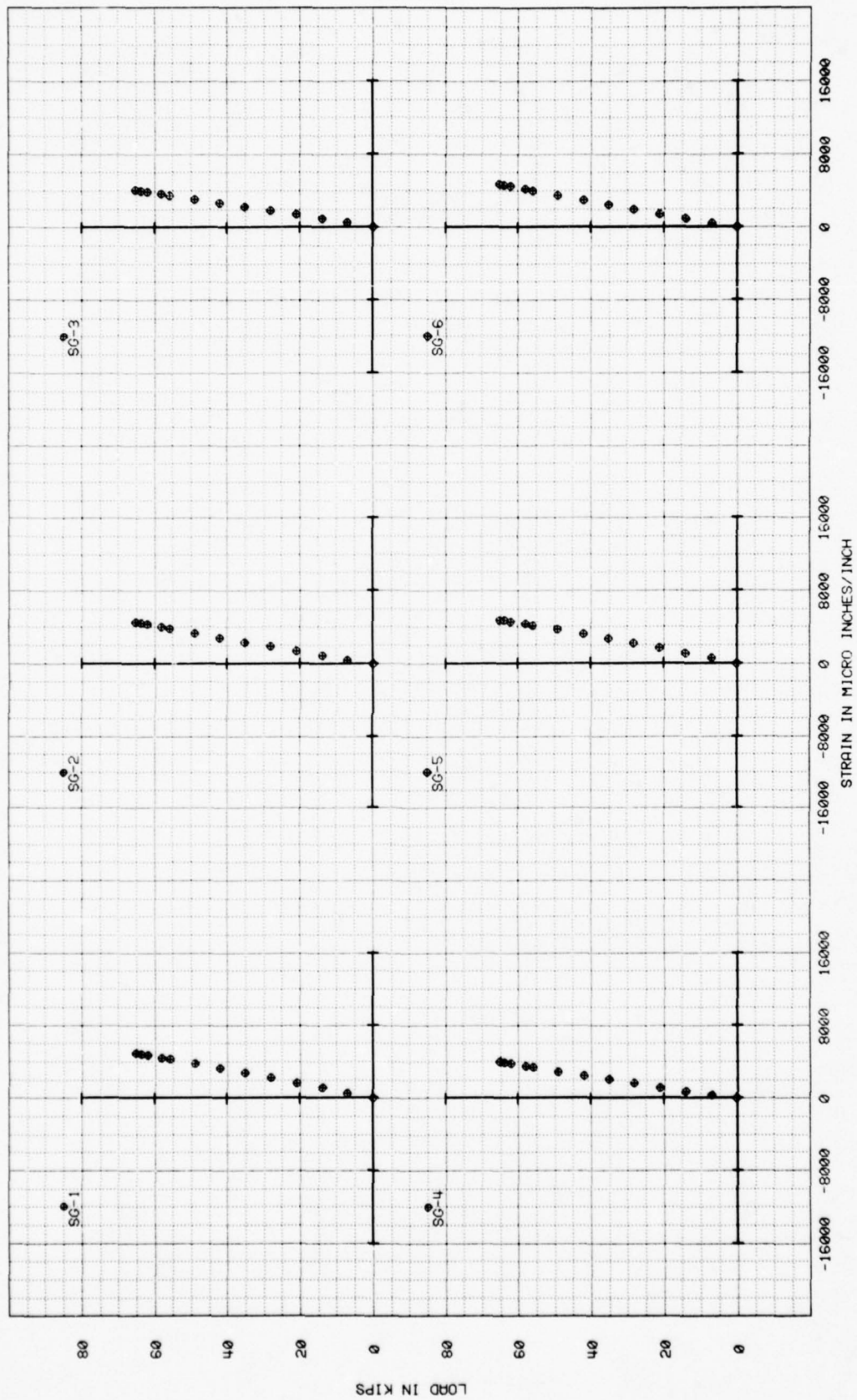


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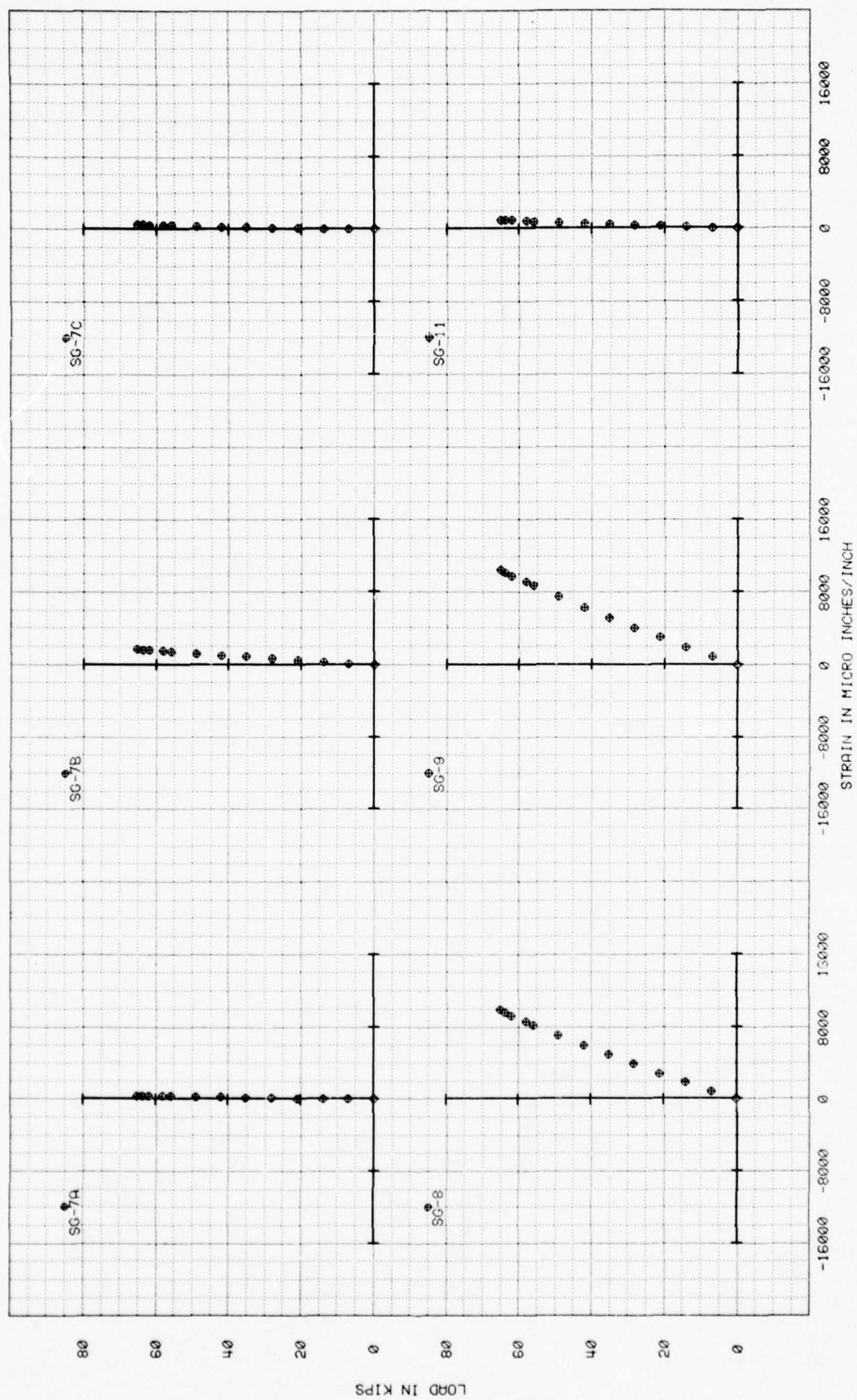
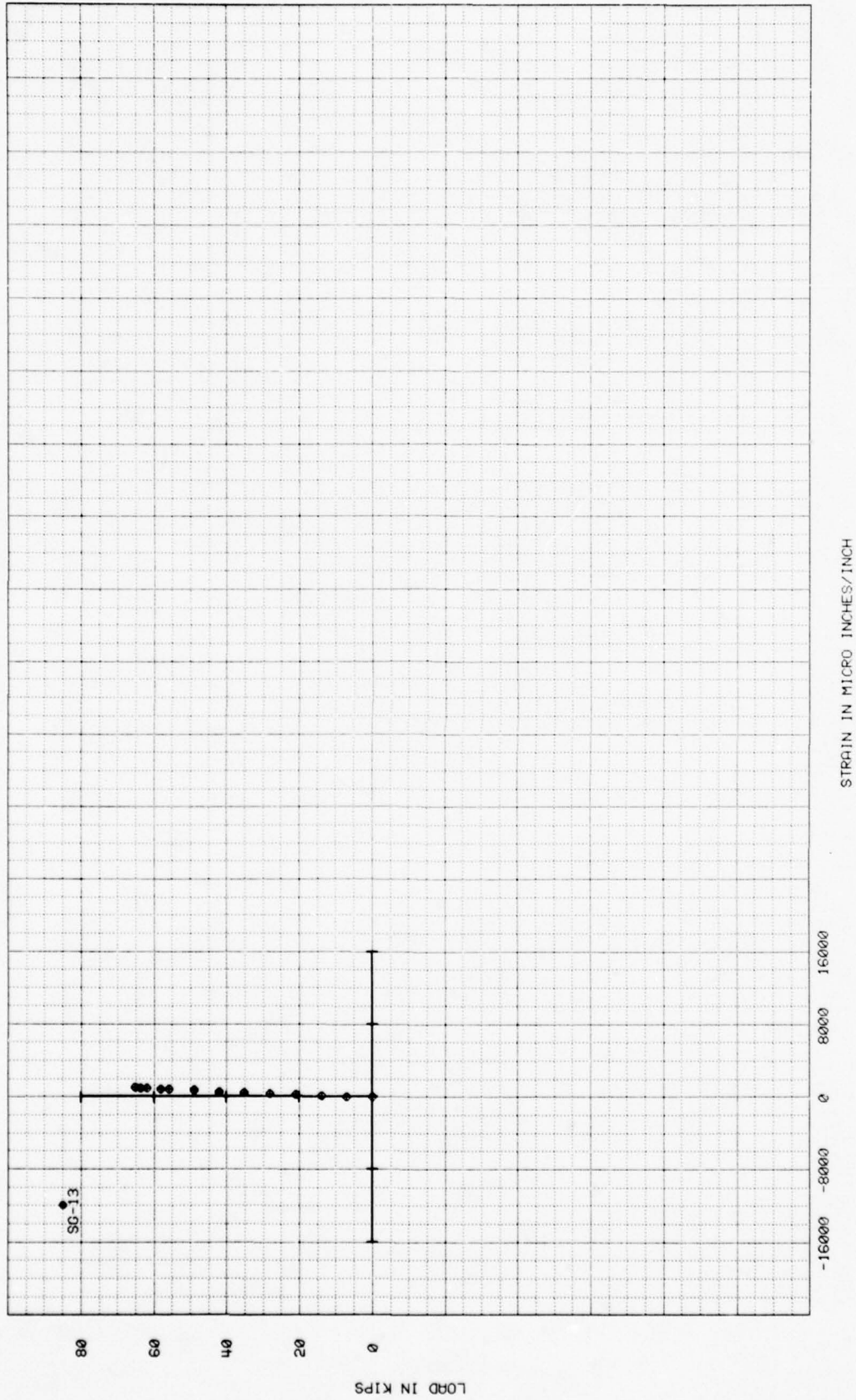


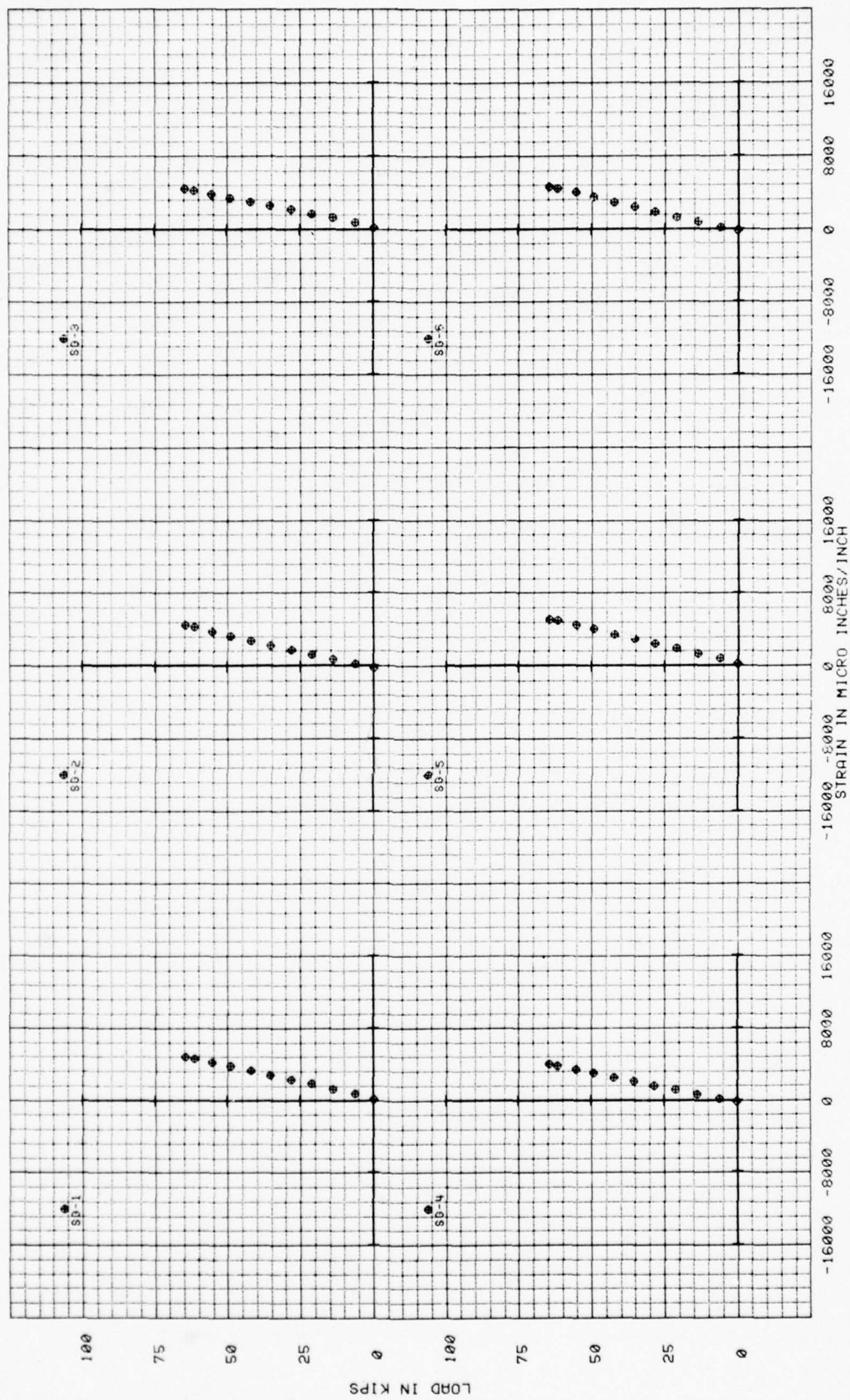
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3/16 Laminate 4.0 Dia Damage Hole



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FIGURE B-10 Continued Strain Gage Data 75T060105-1013  
3/16 Laminare 4.0 Dia Damage Hole





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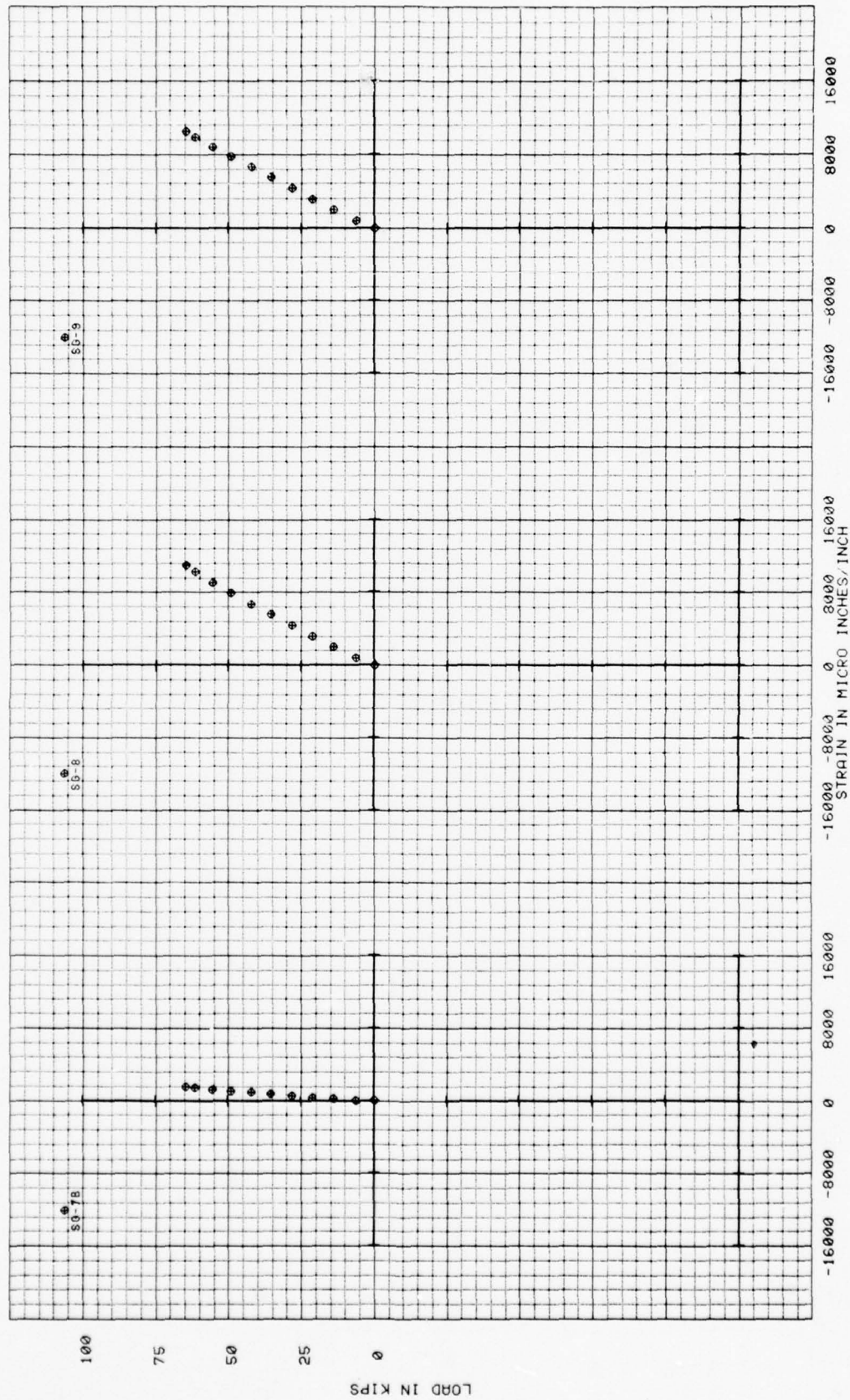


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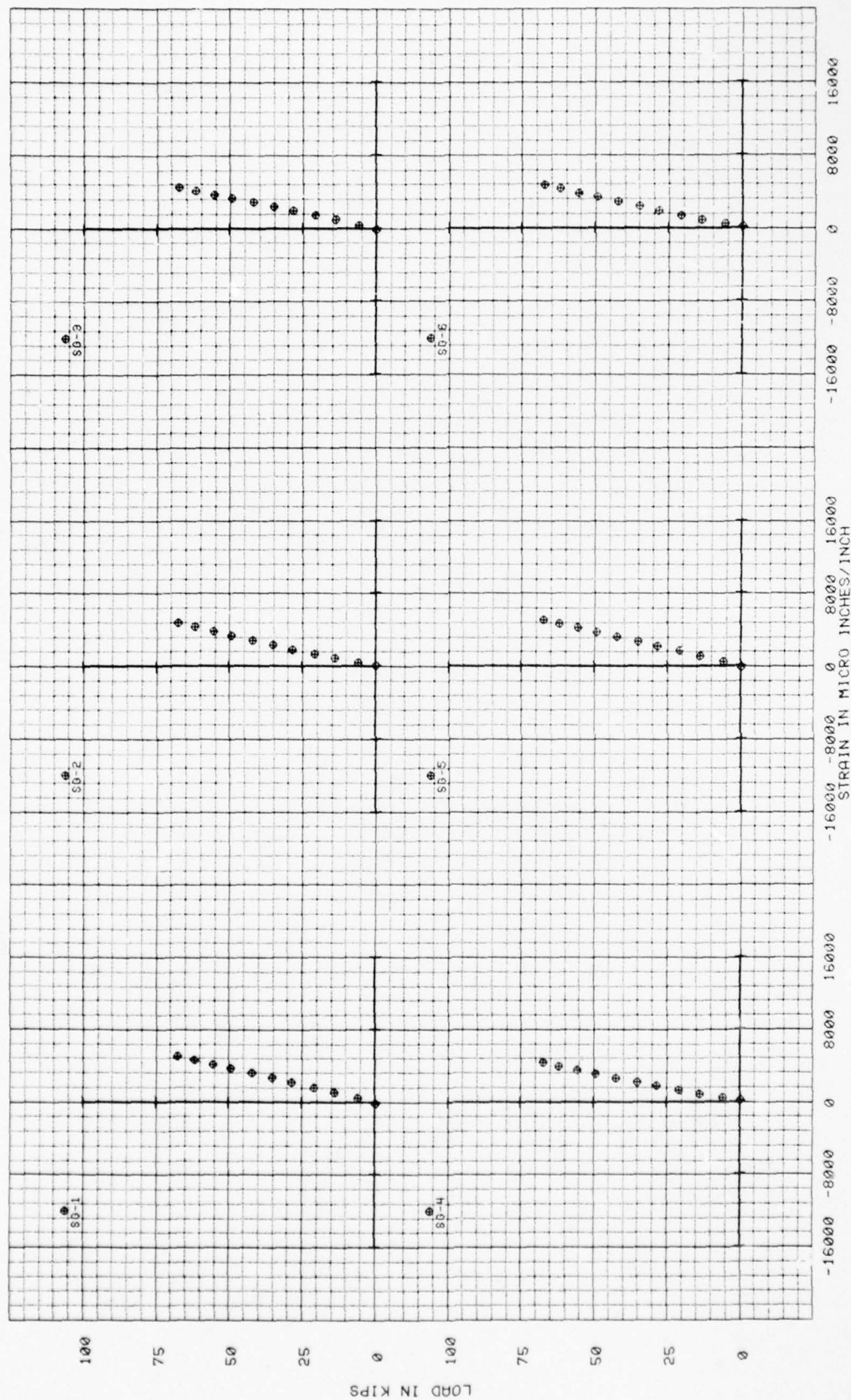


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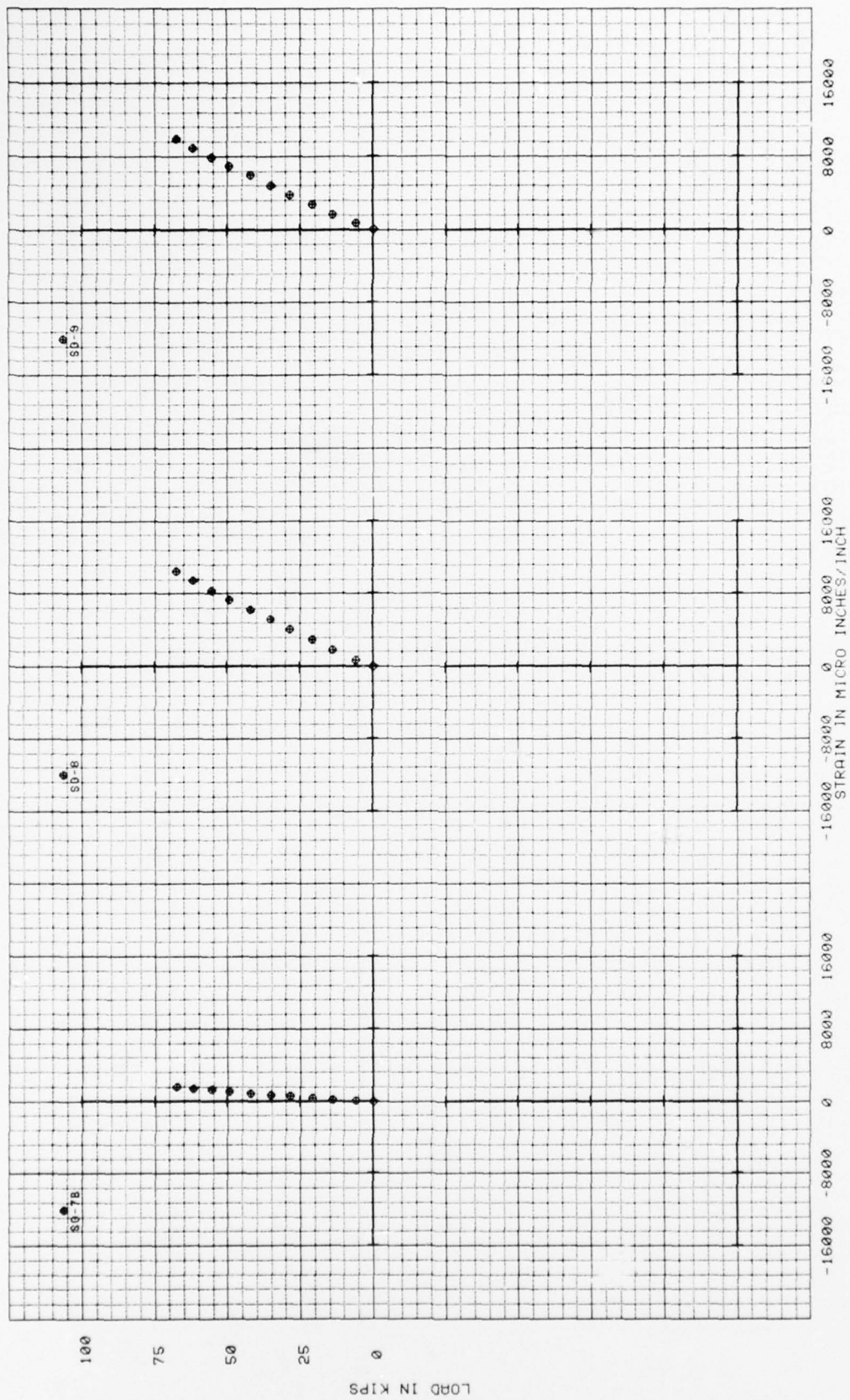


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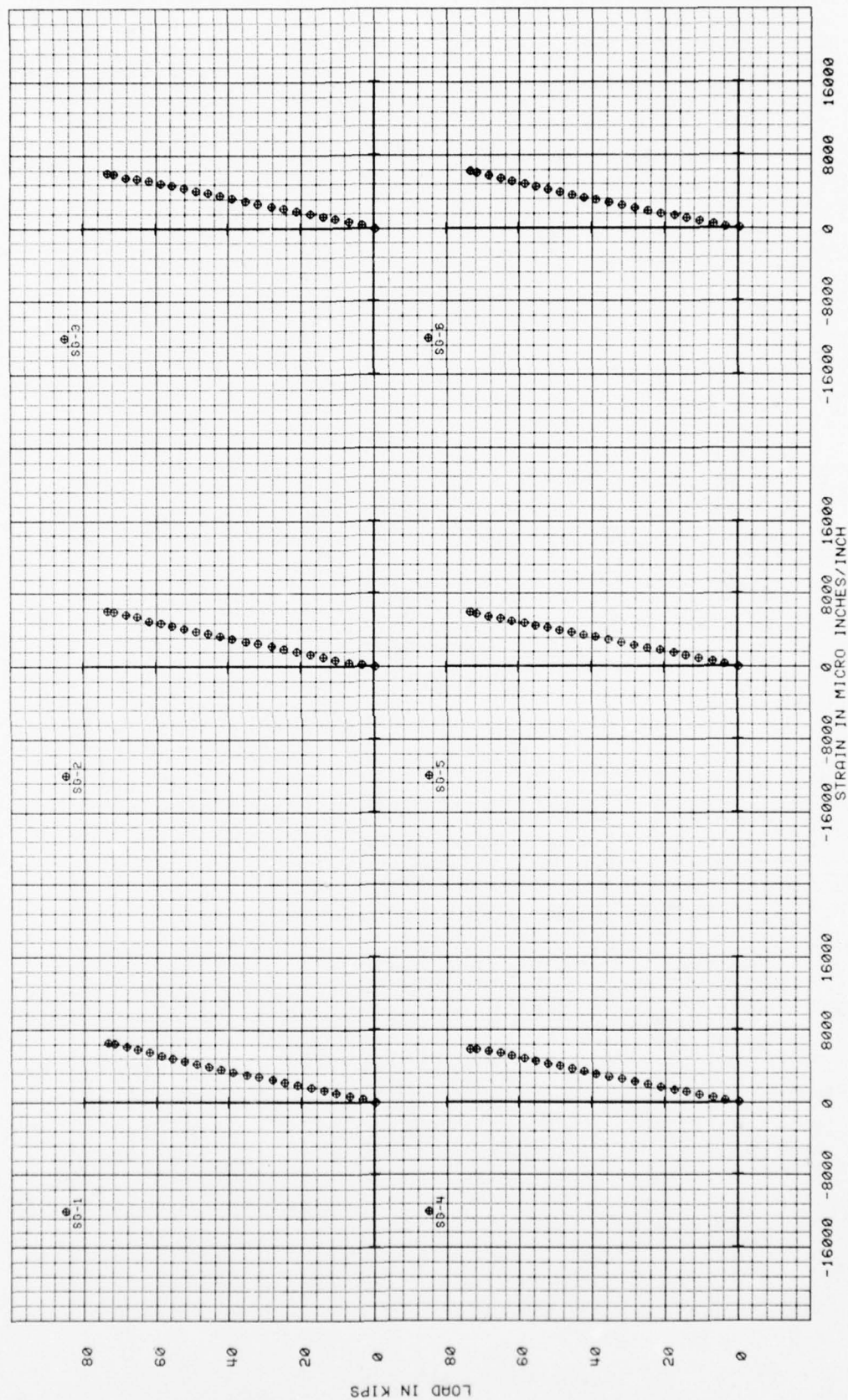


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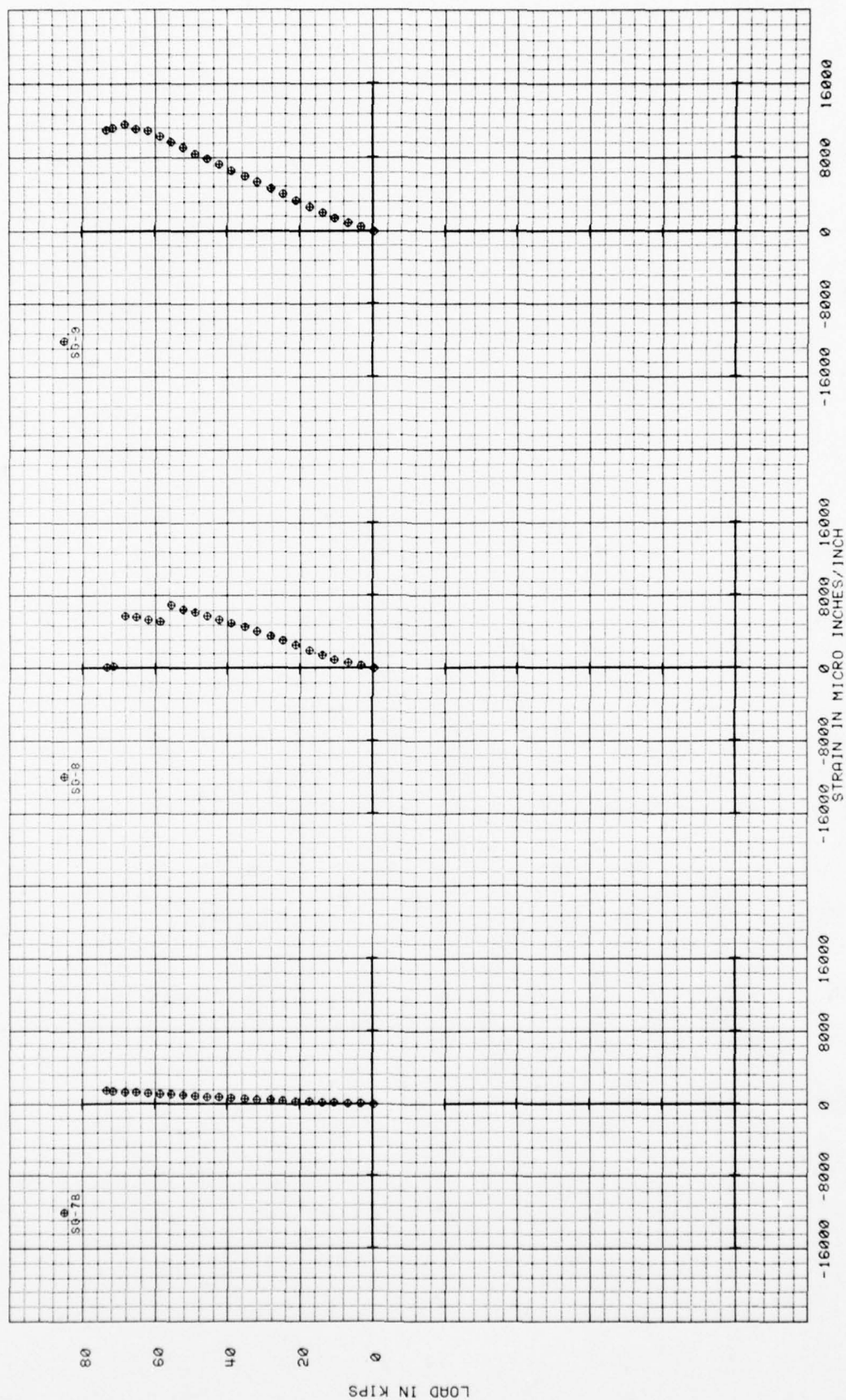
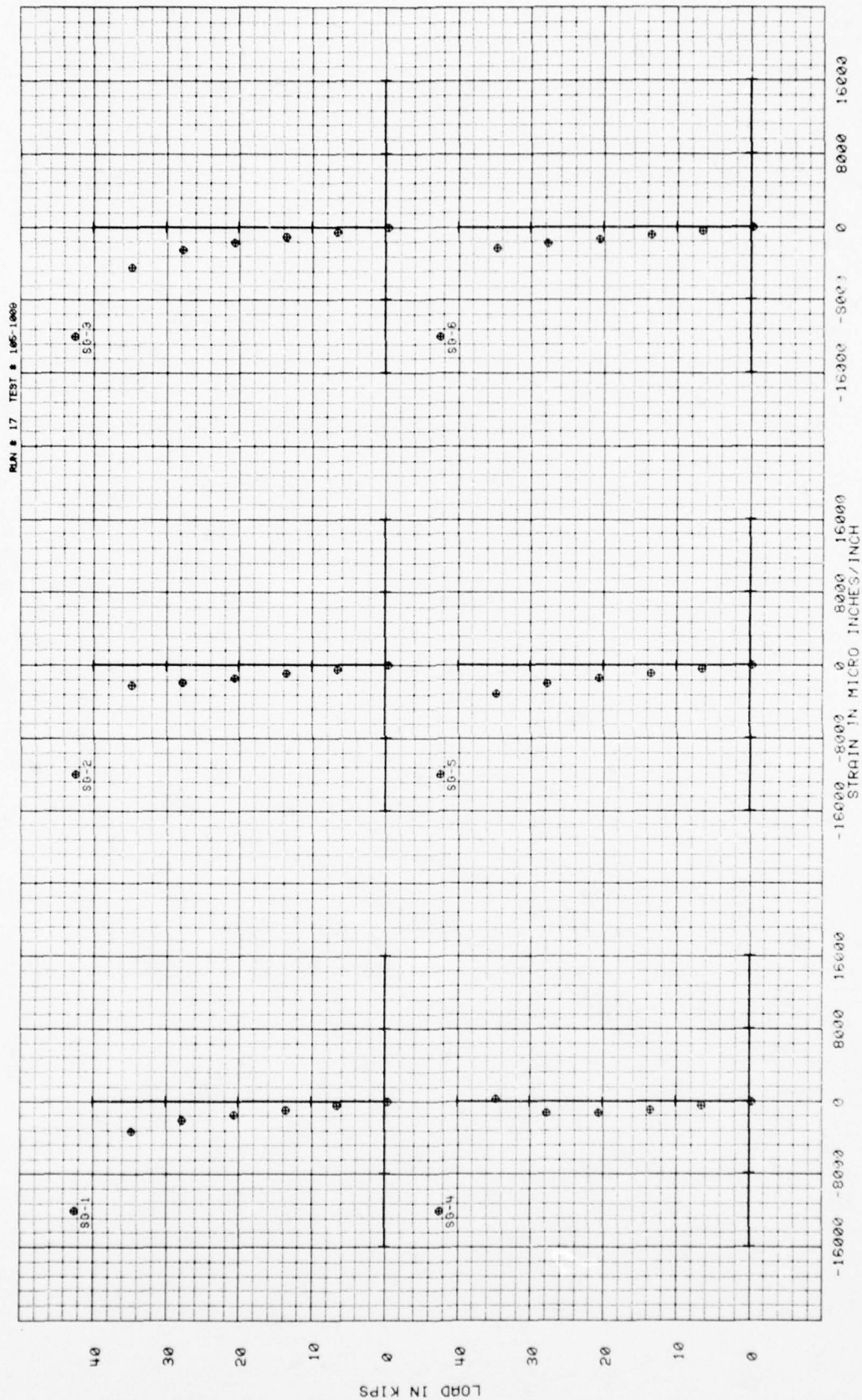


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3/16 Laminate OFF Axis



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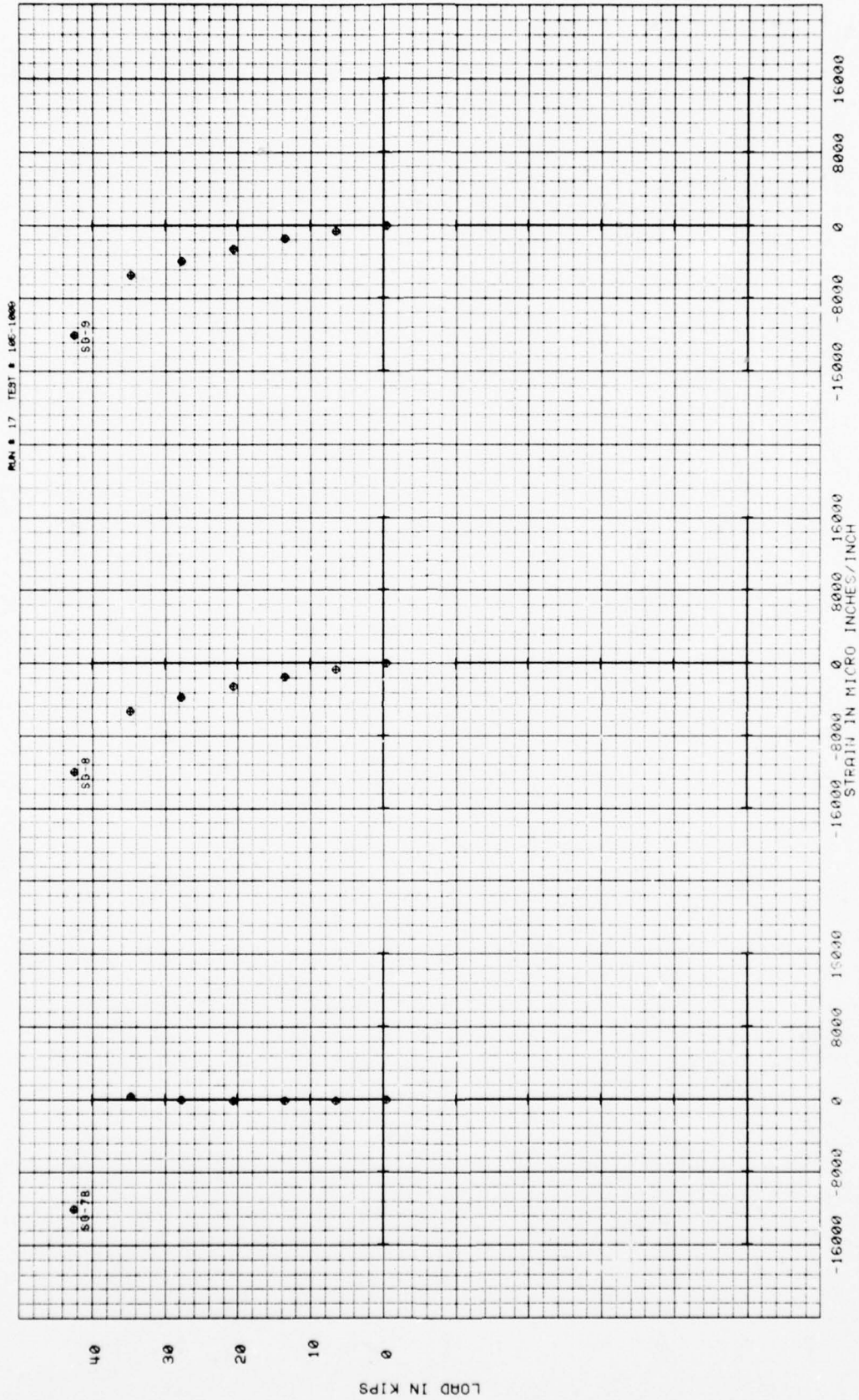


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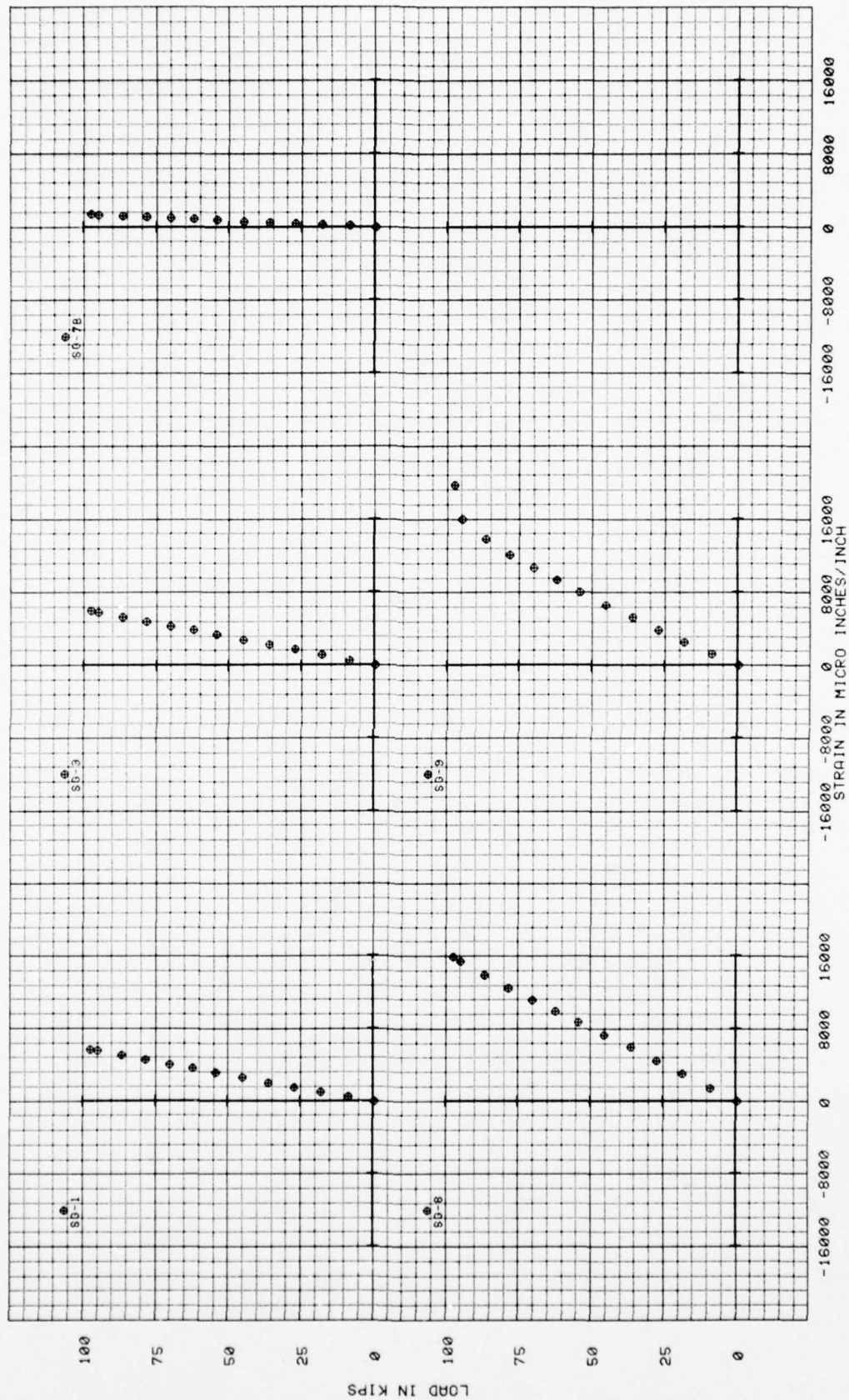


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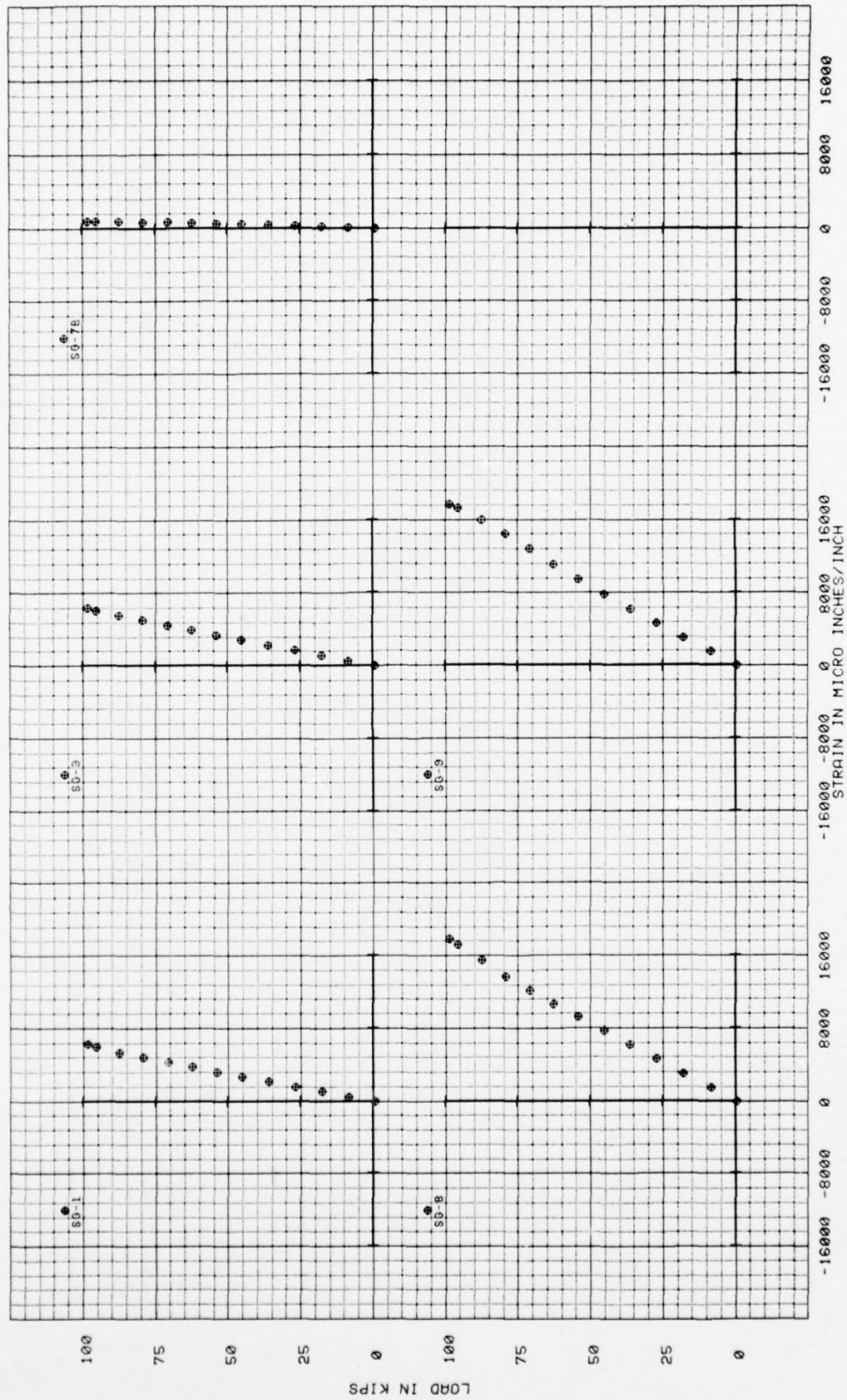


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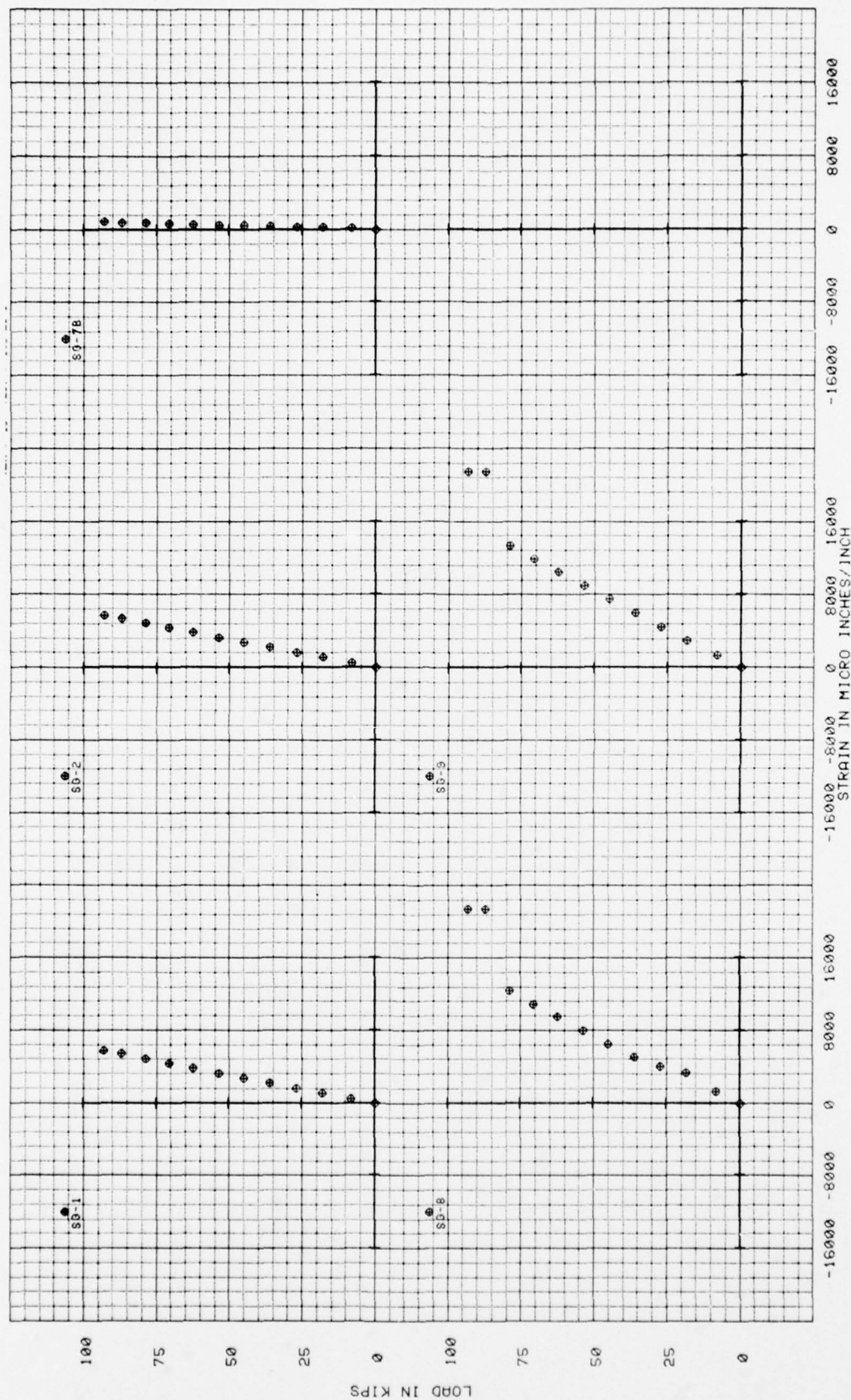


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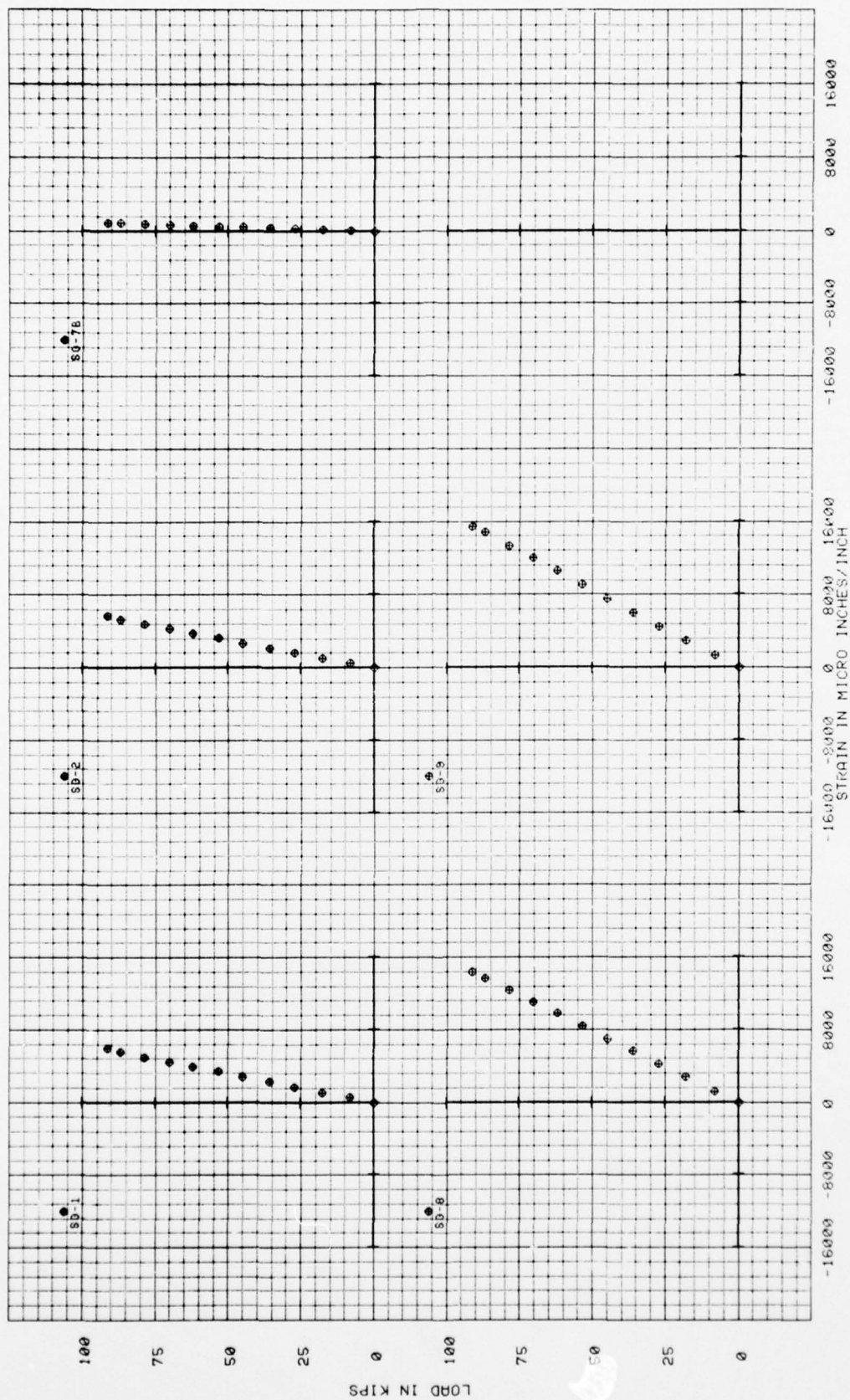


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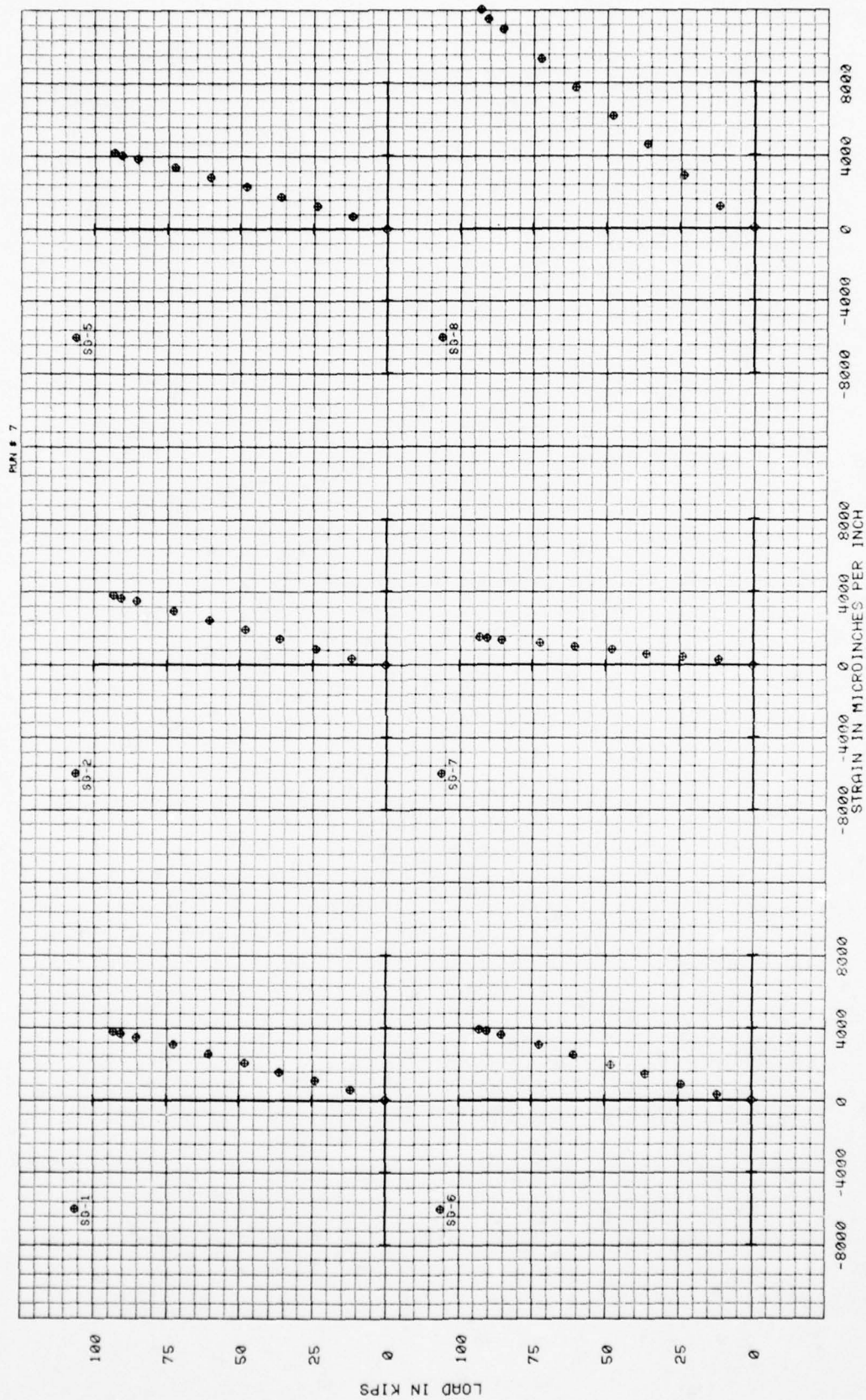


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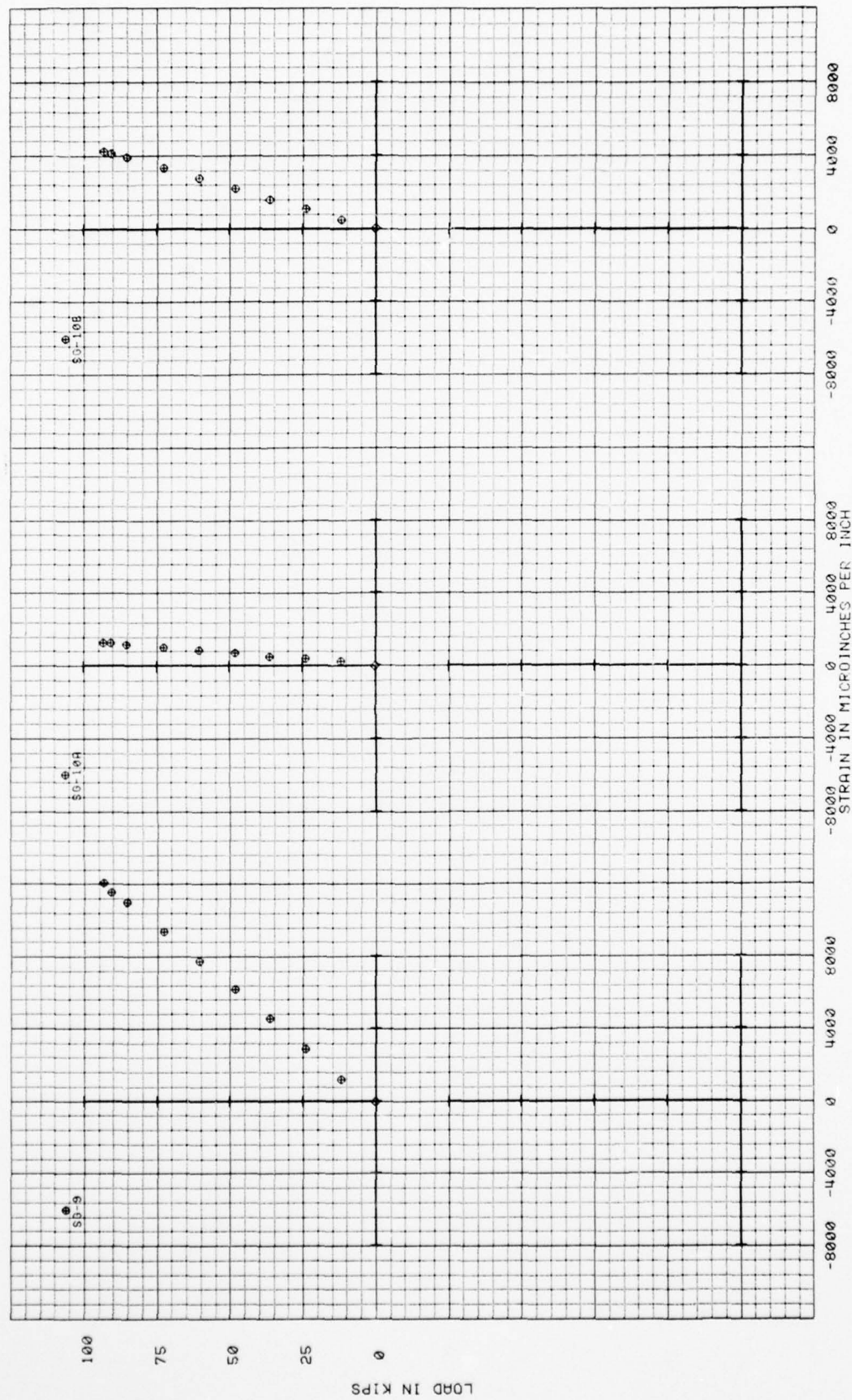


FIGURE B-19 Continued Strain Gage Data 75T060106-1005

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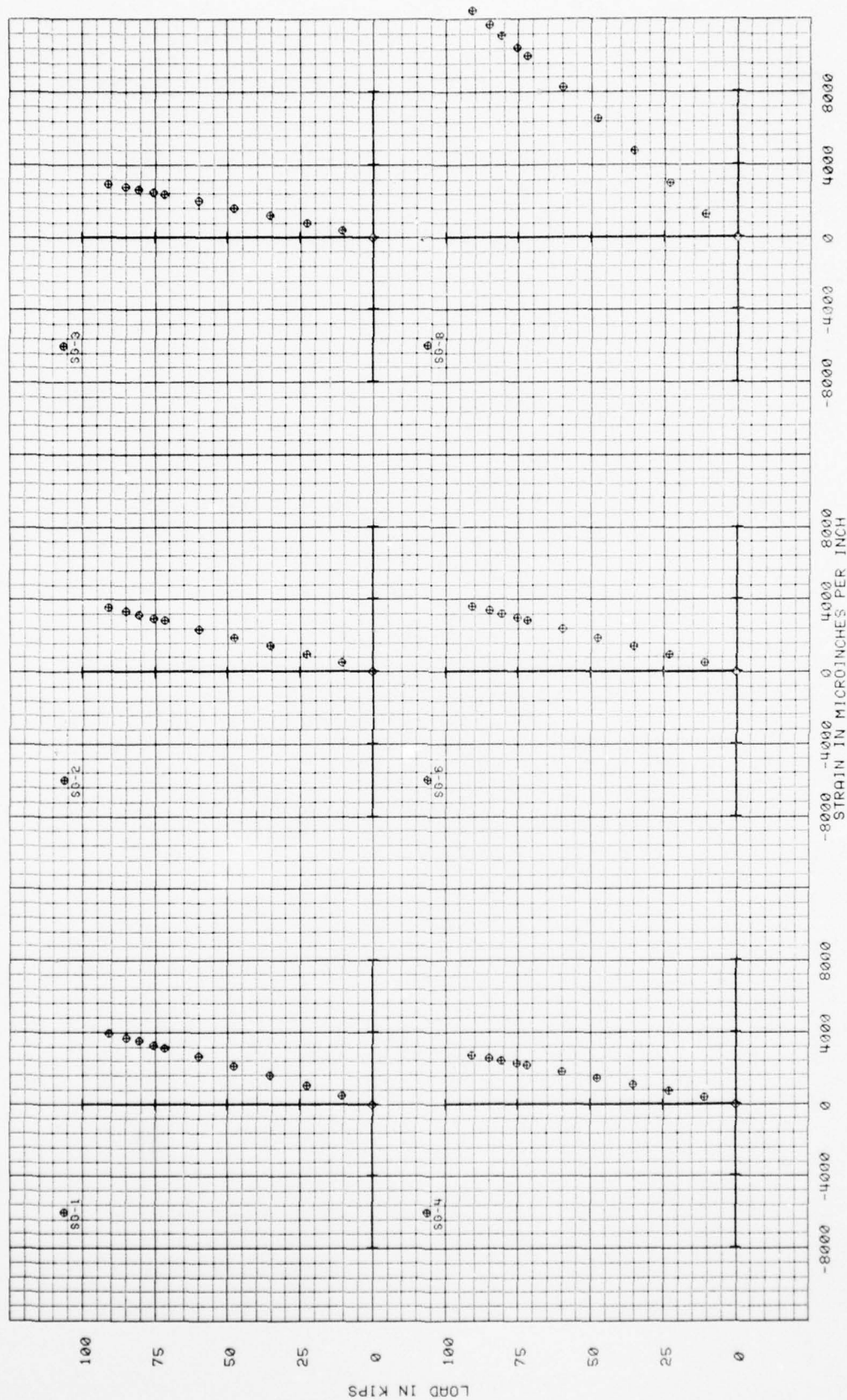


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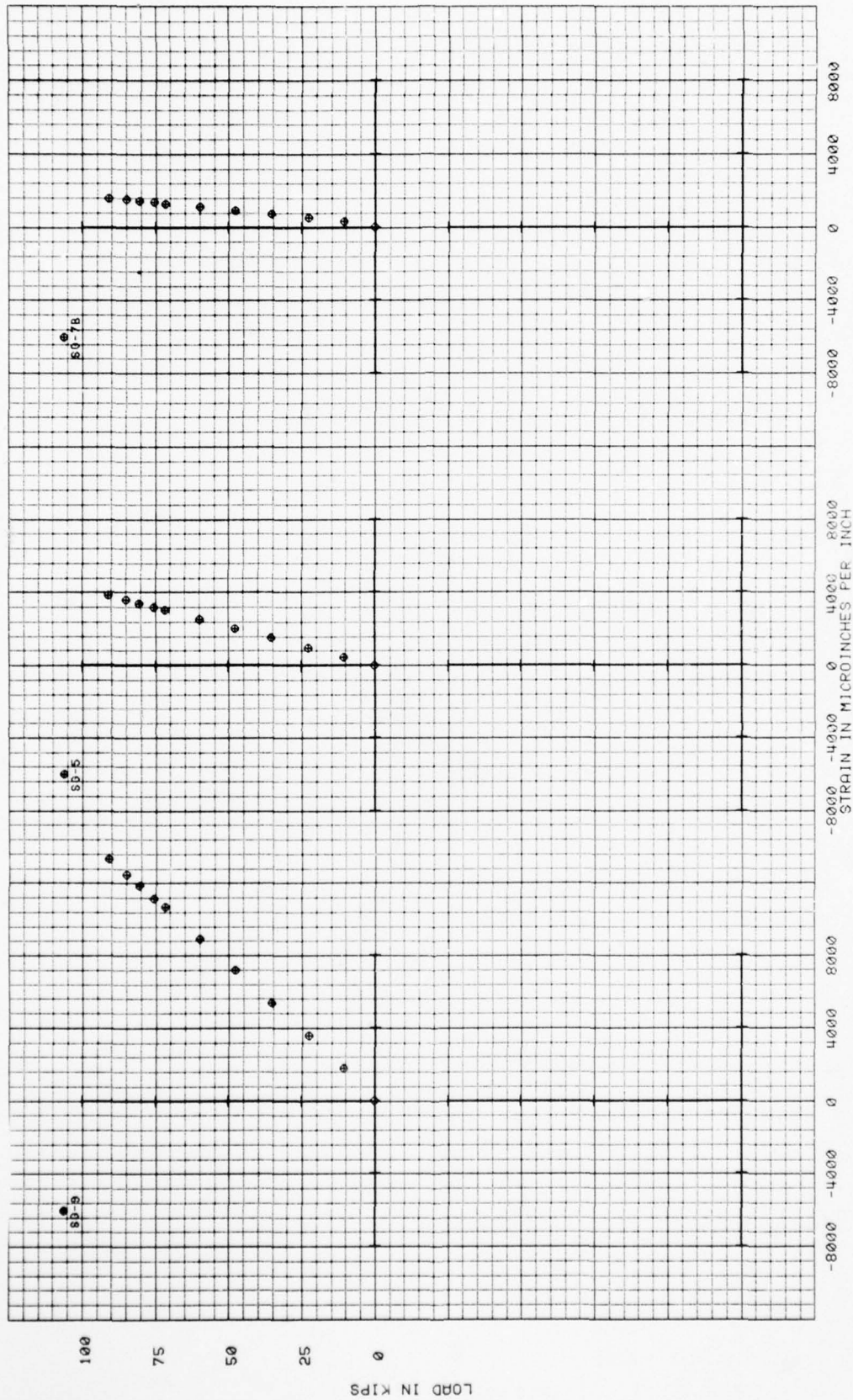


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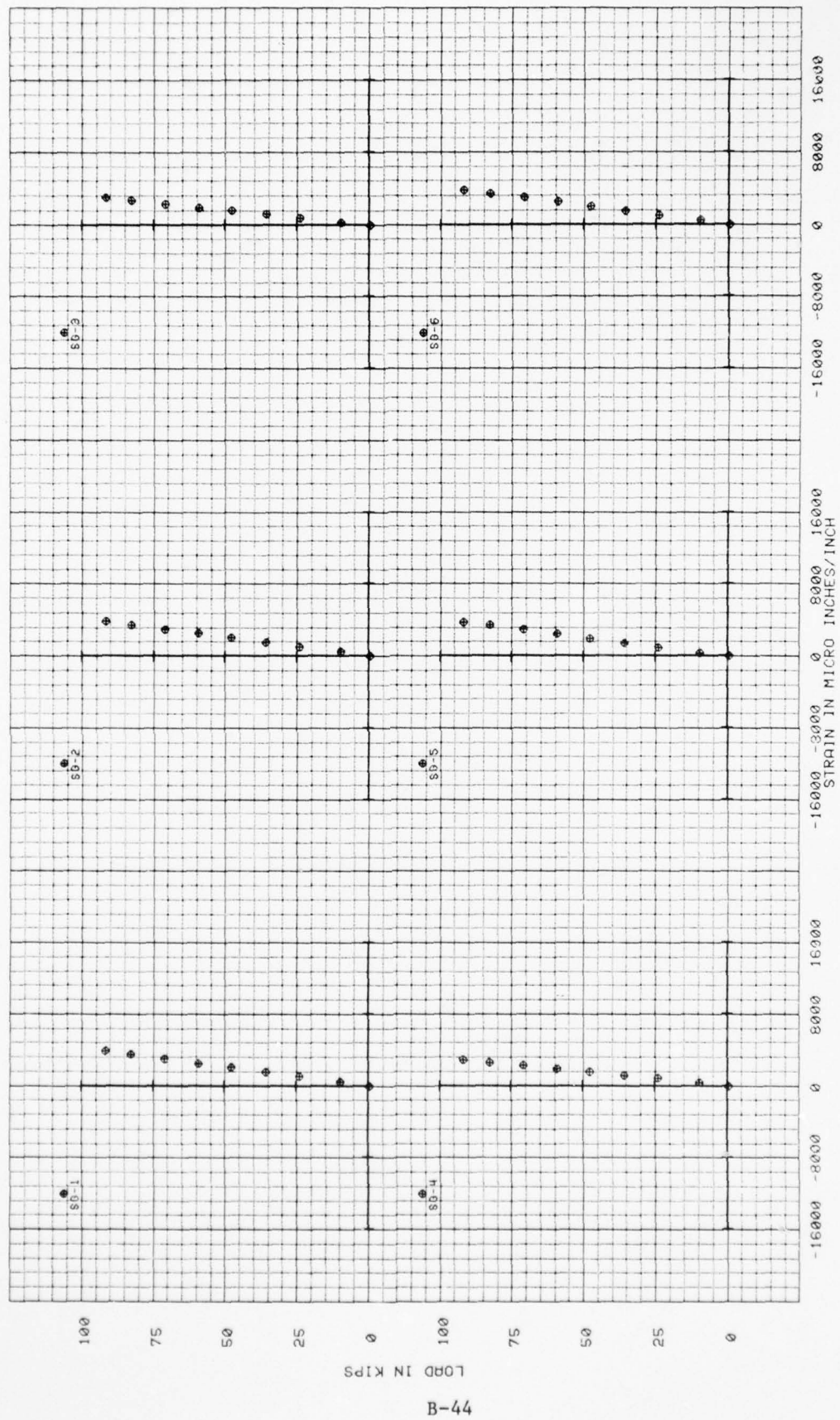


FIGURE B-21 Strain Gage Data 75T060106-1007 No. 2  
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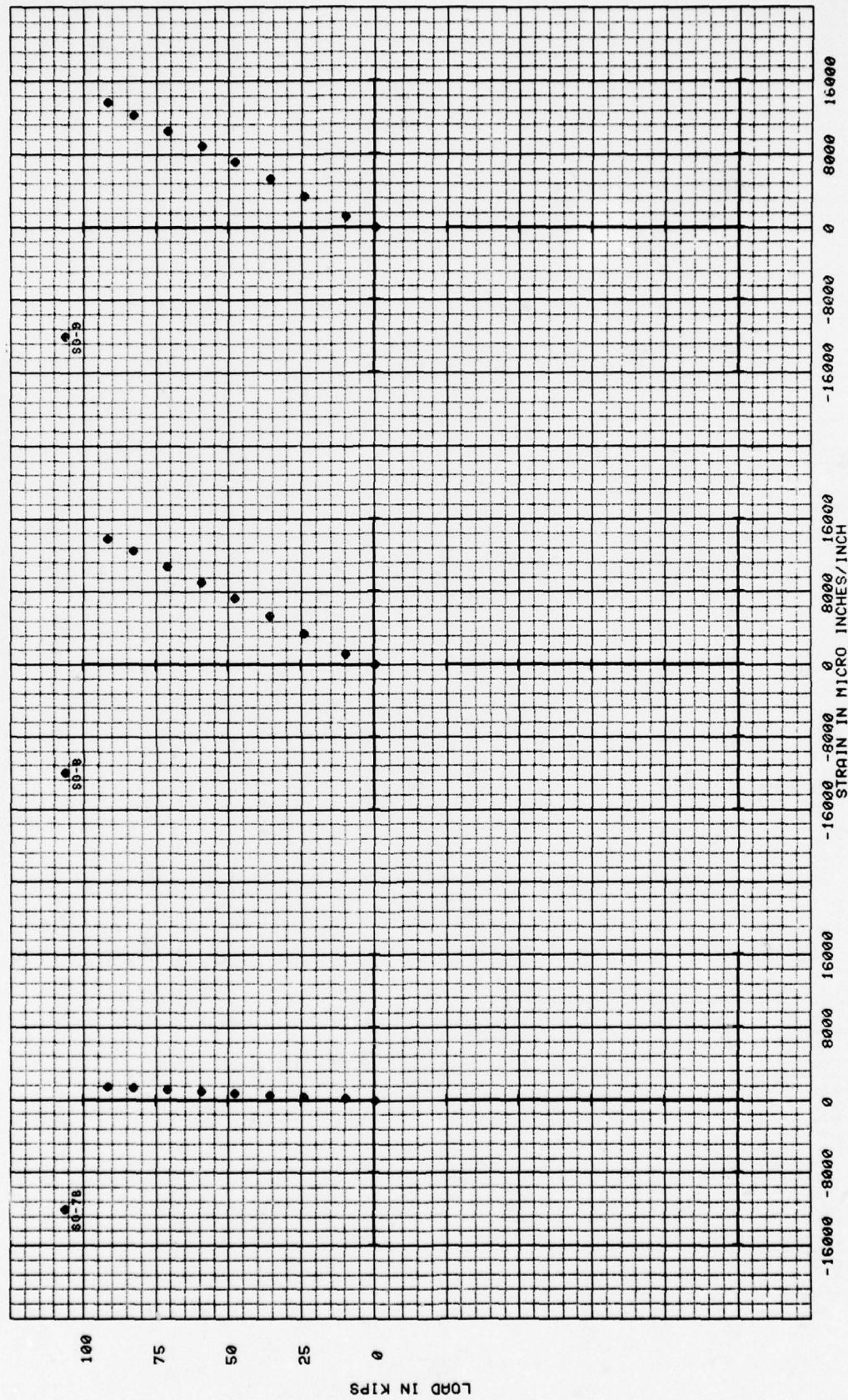


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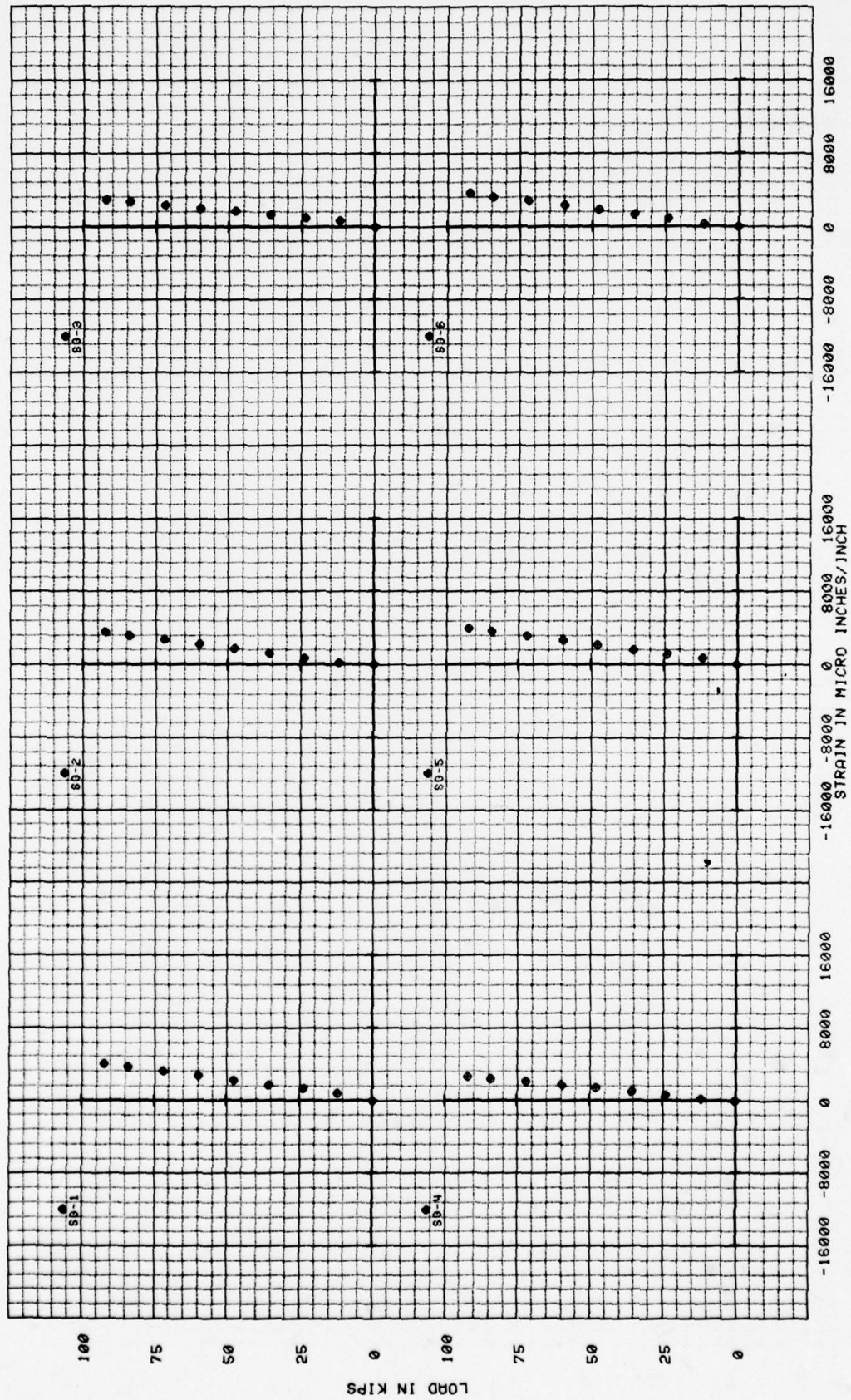


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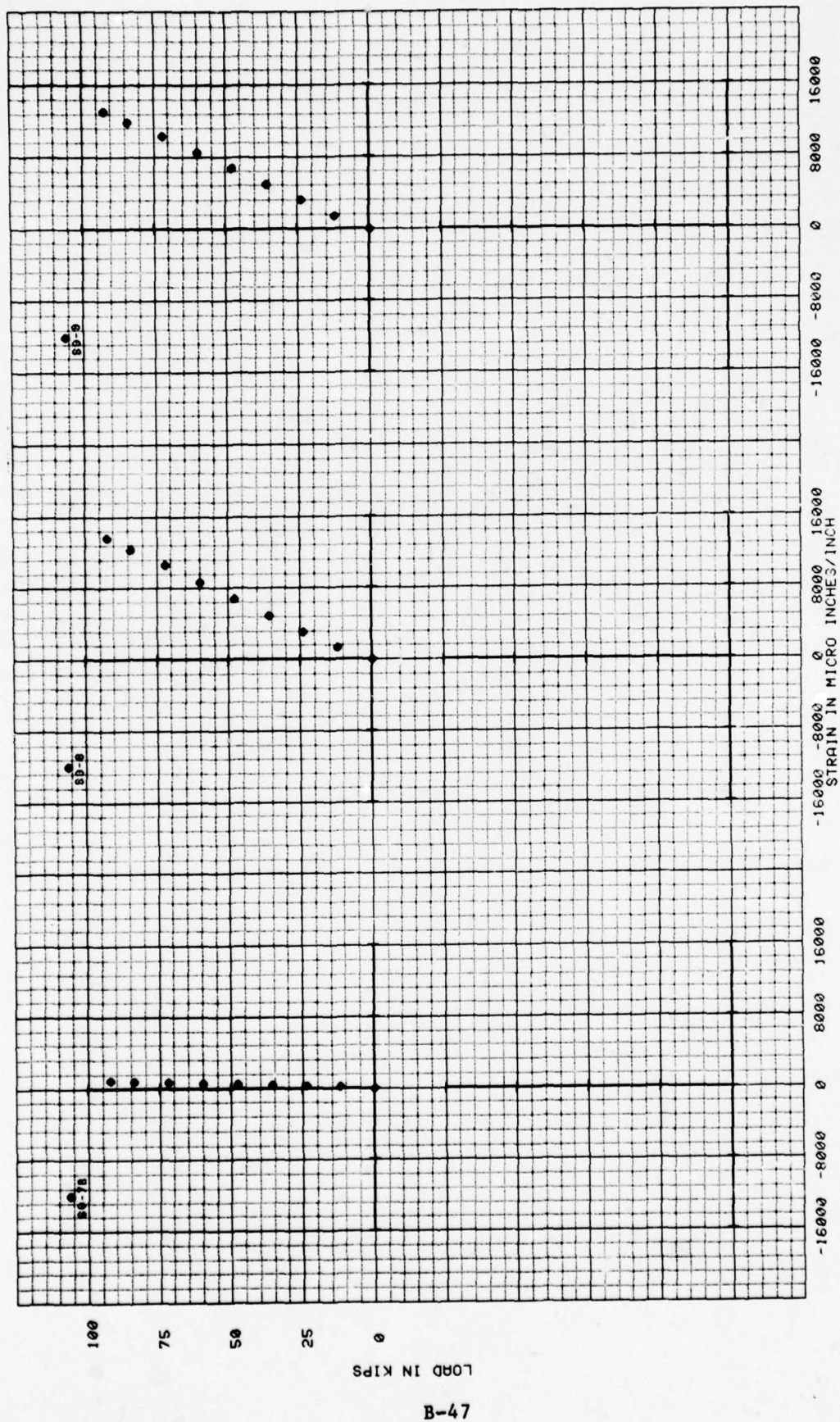


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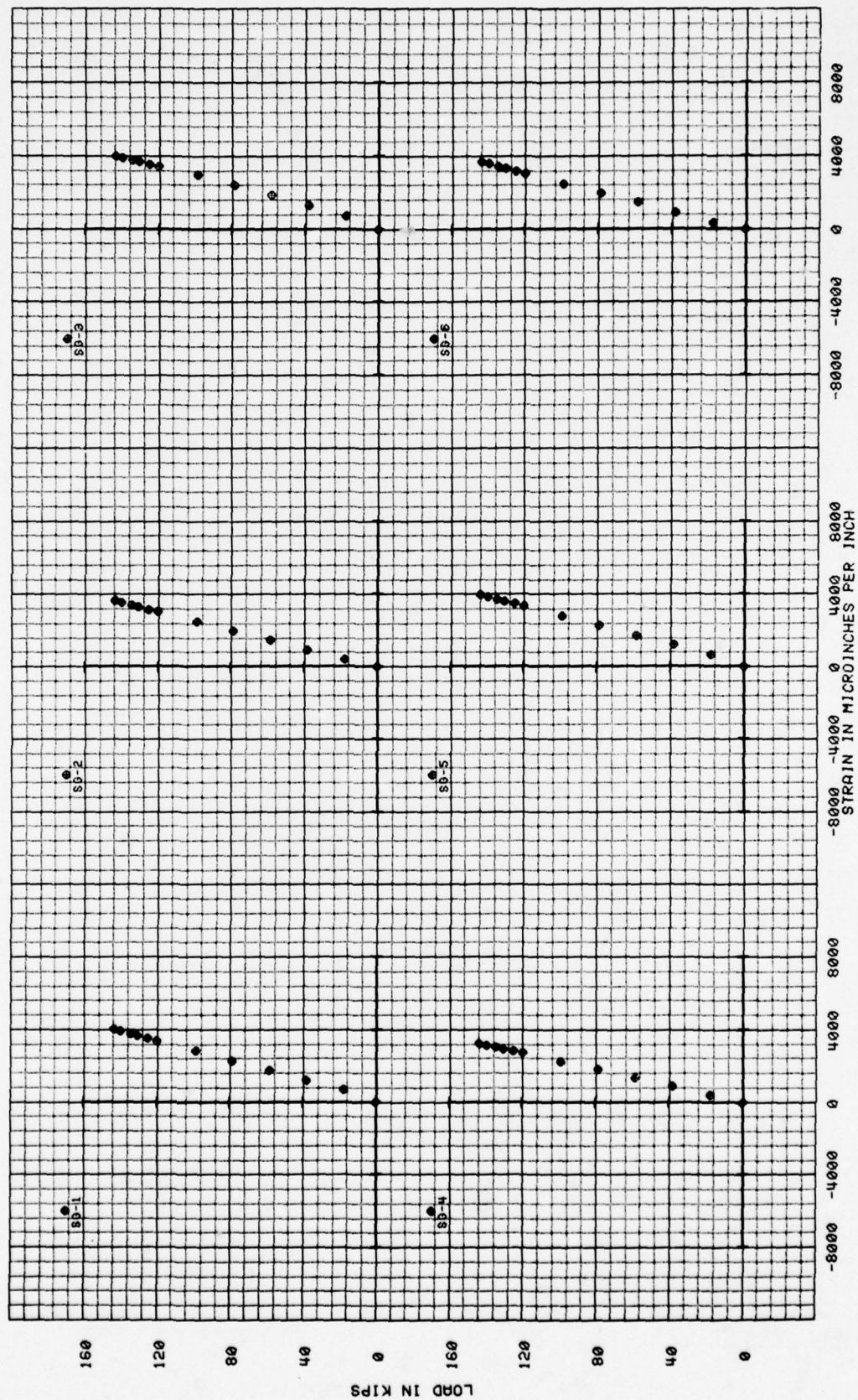


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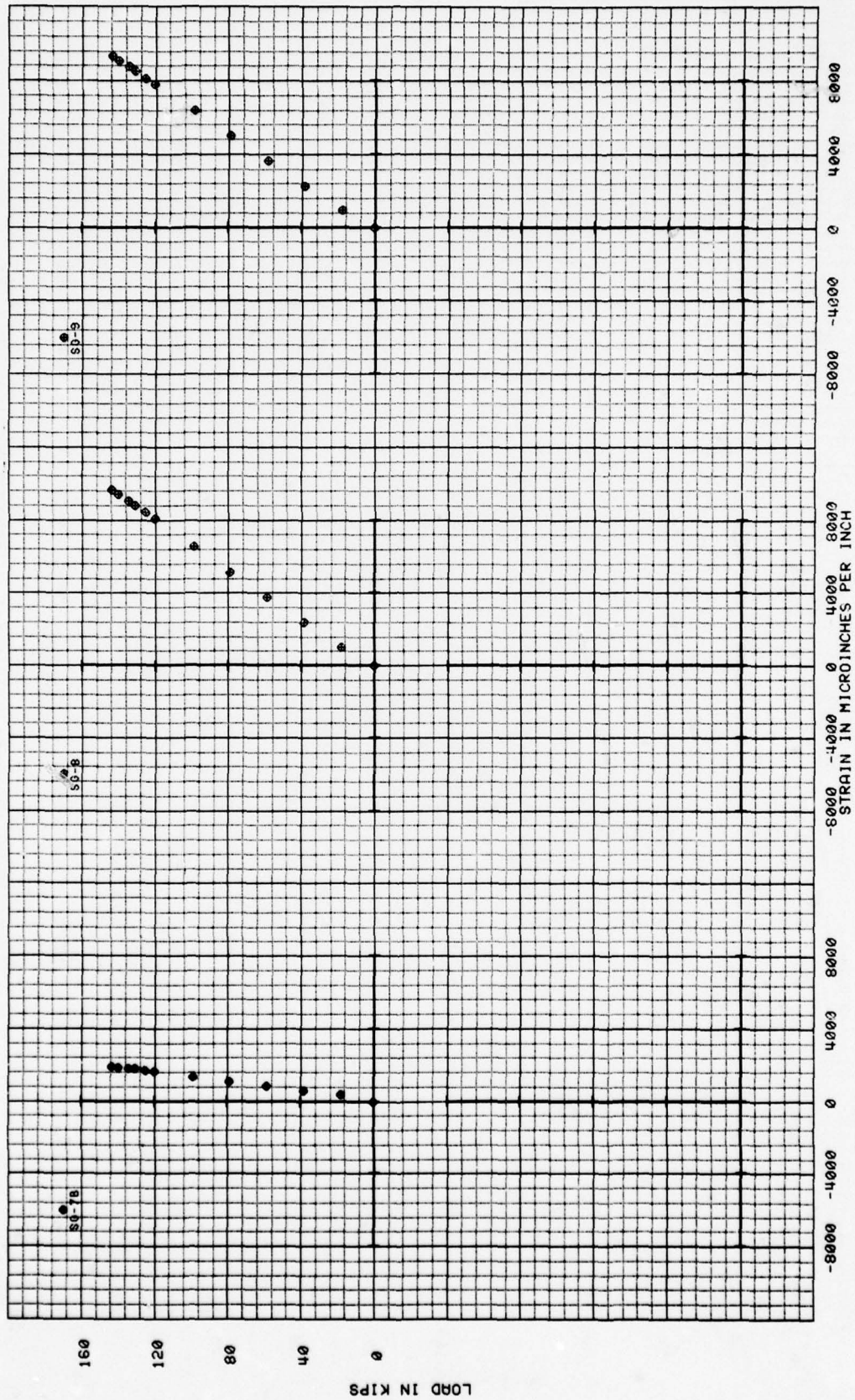


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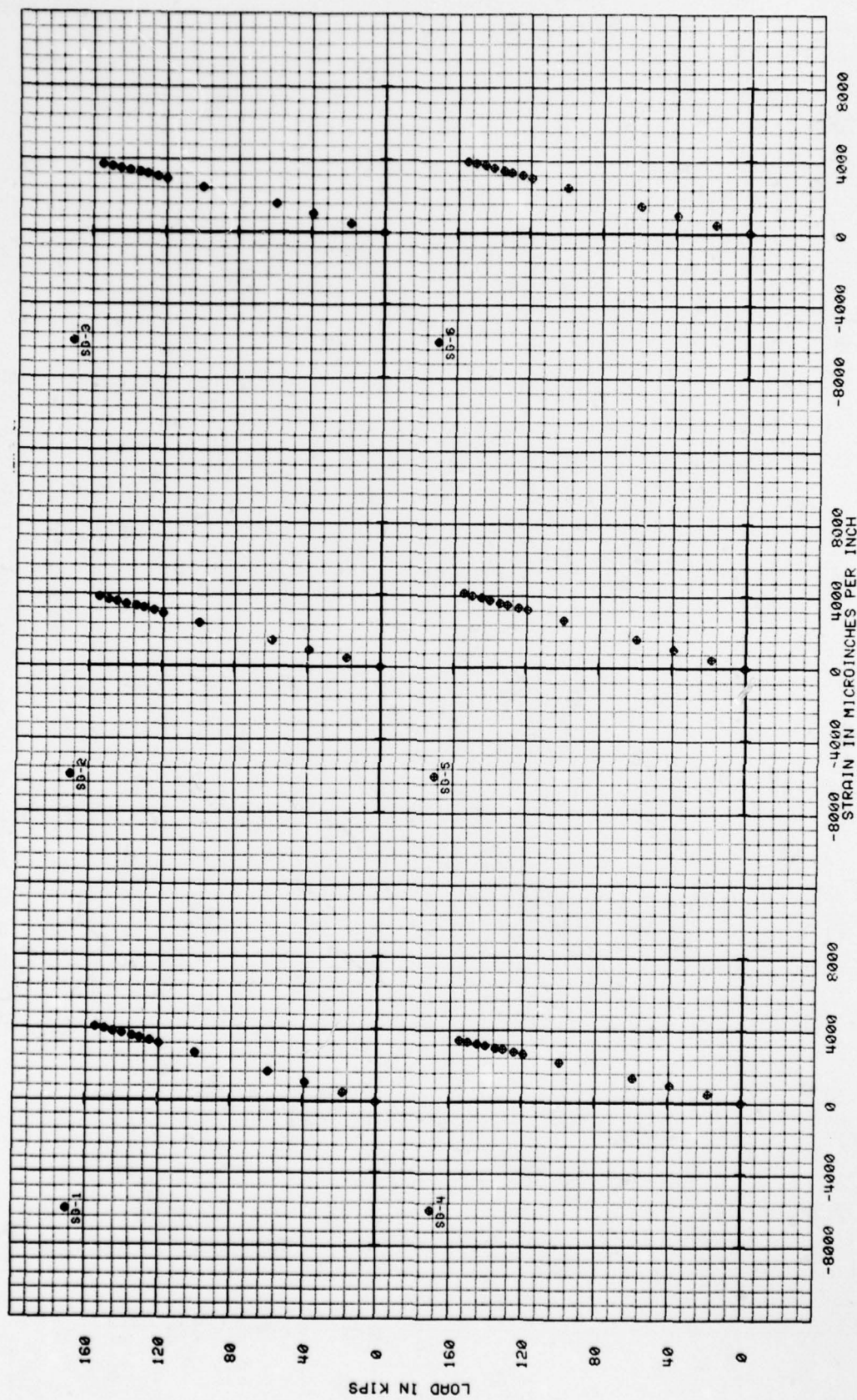


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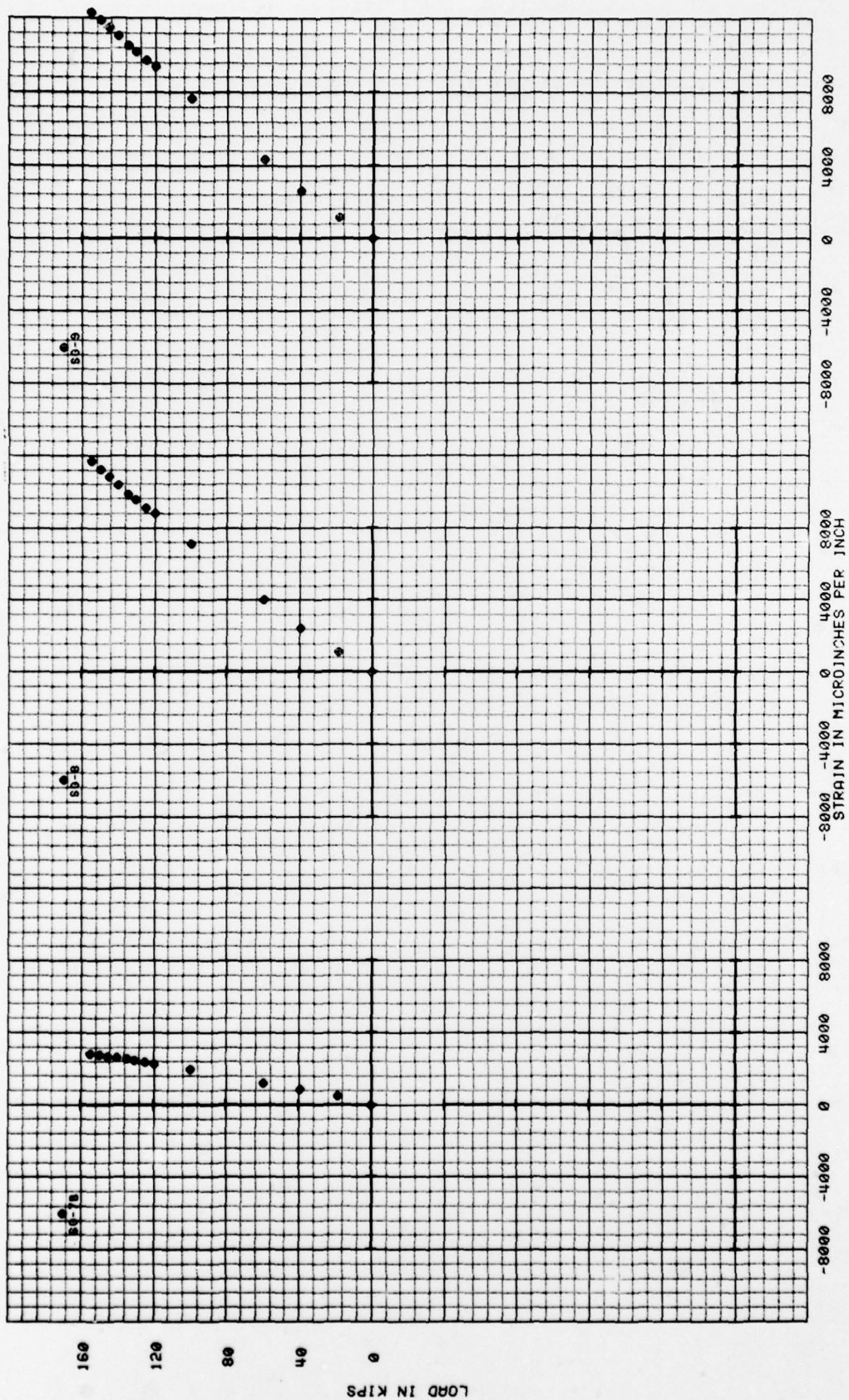


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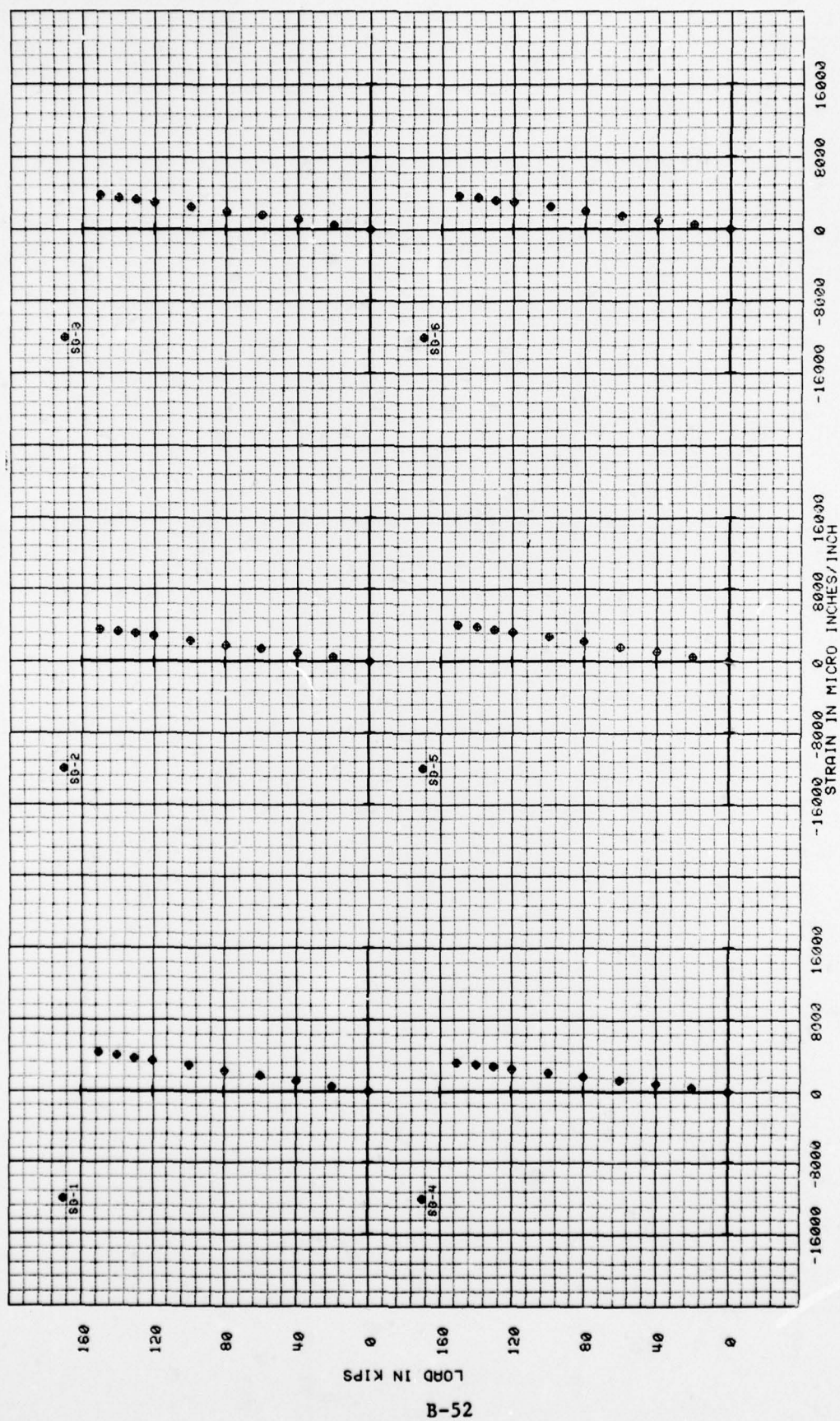


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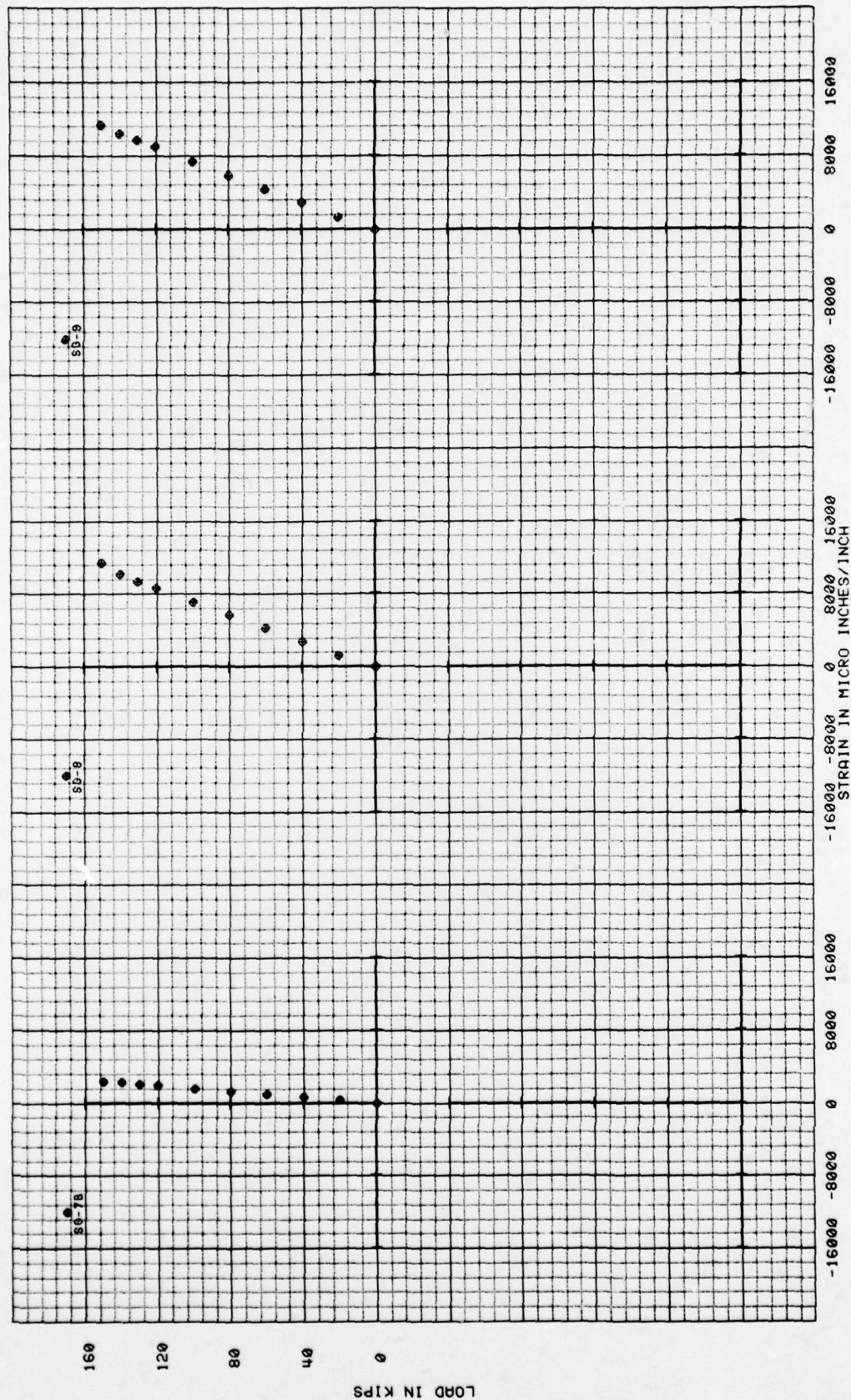


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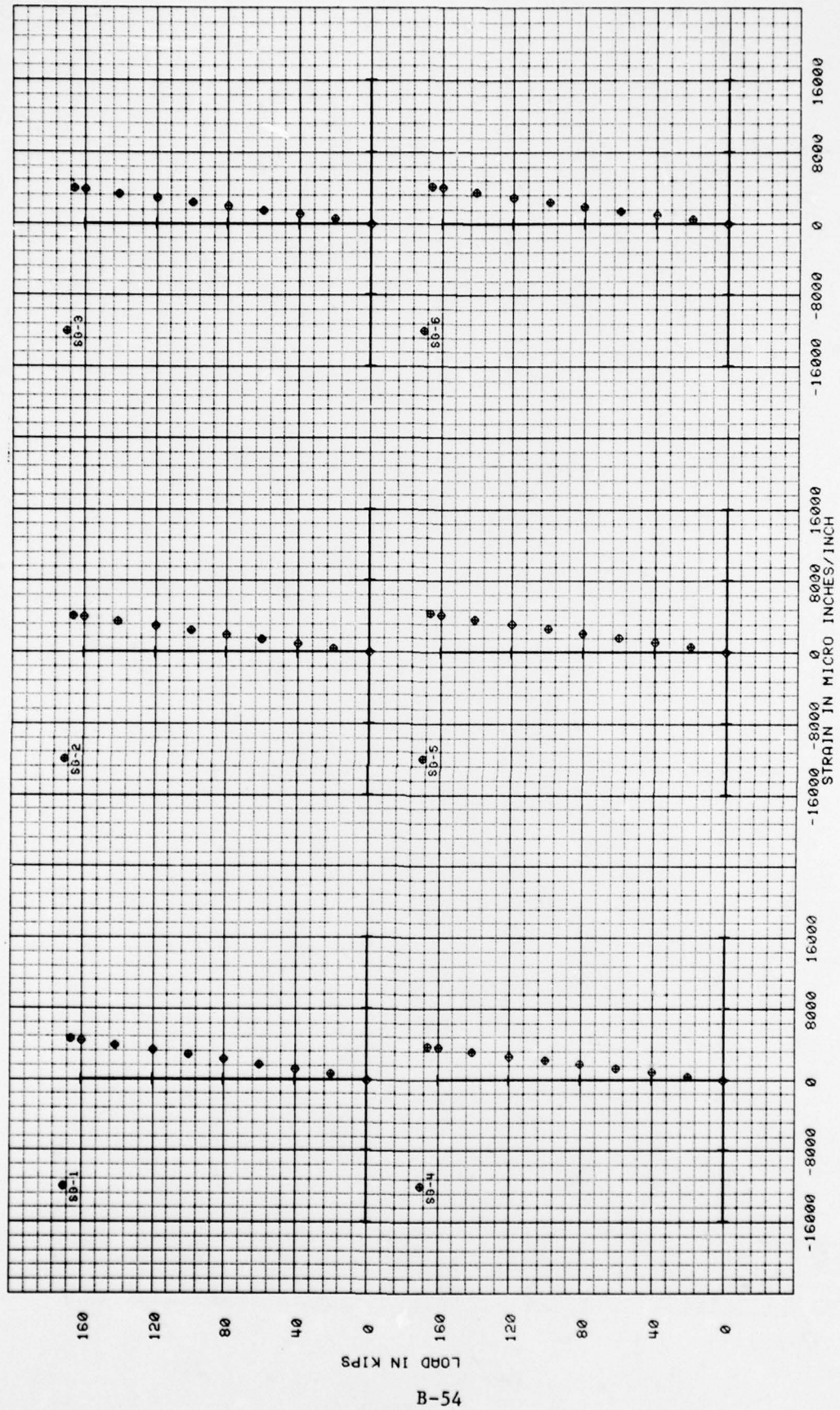


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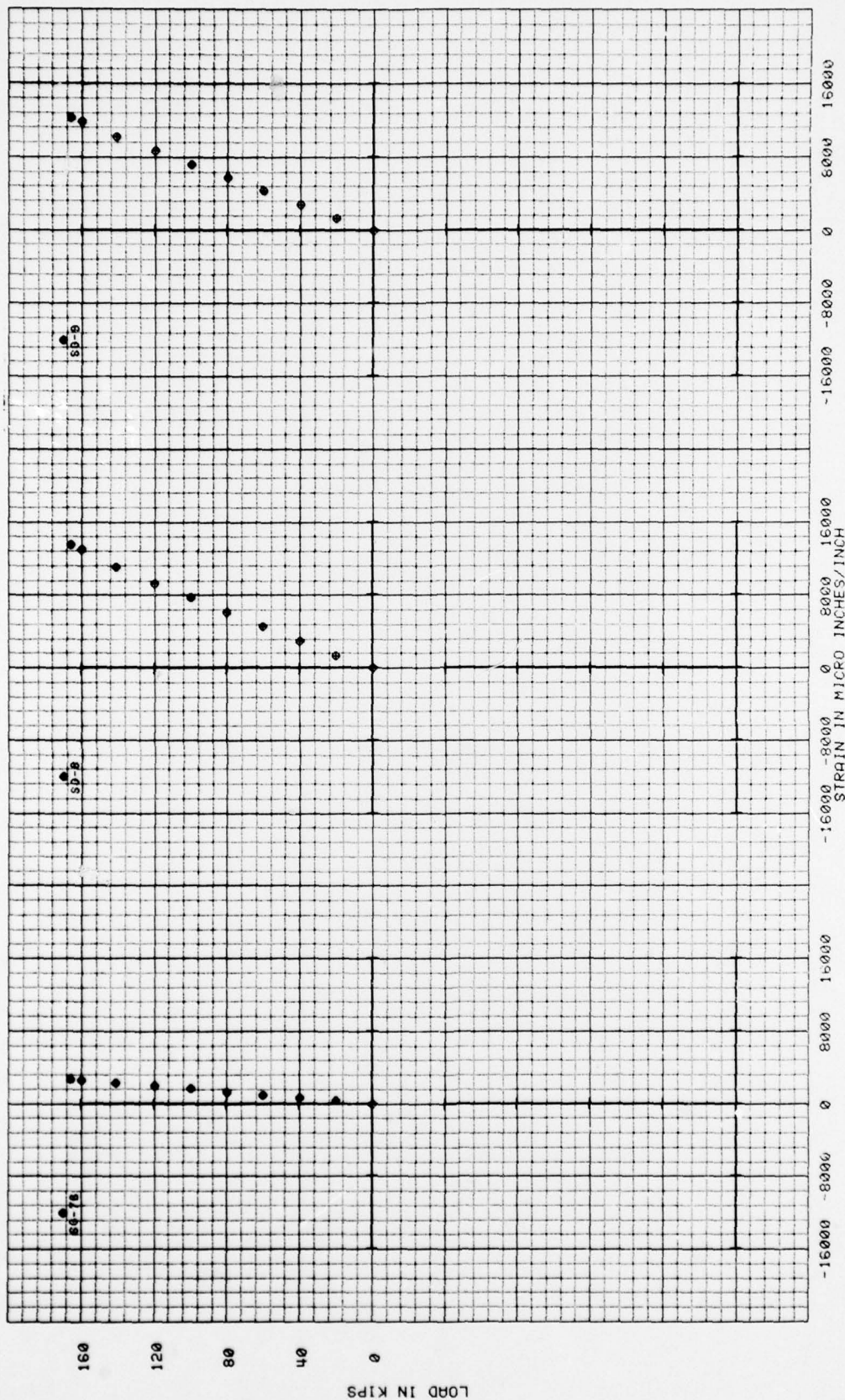


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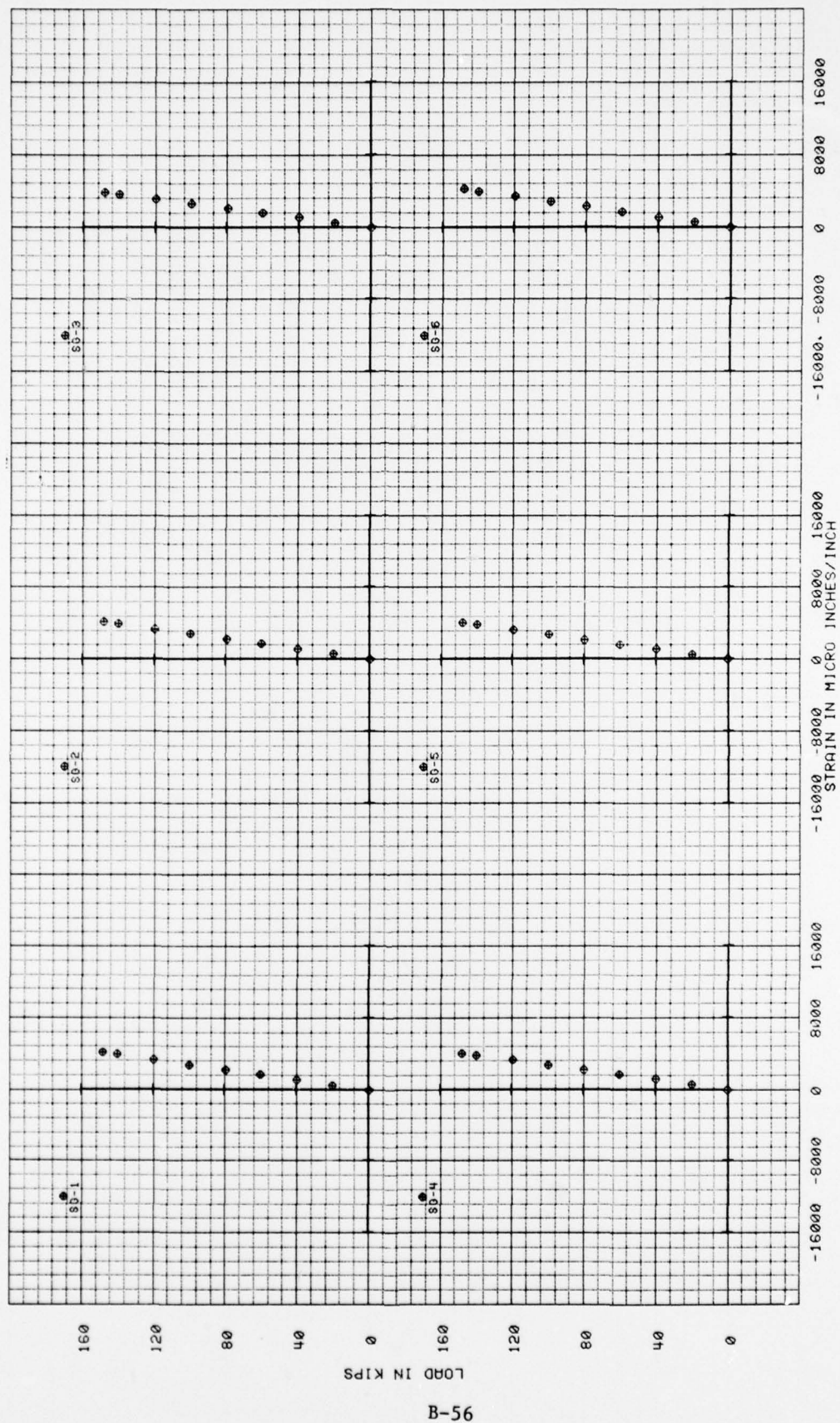


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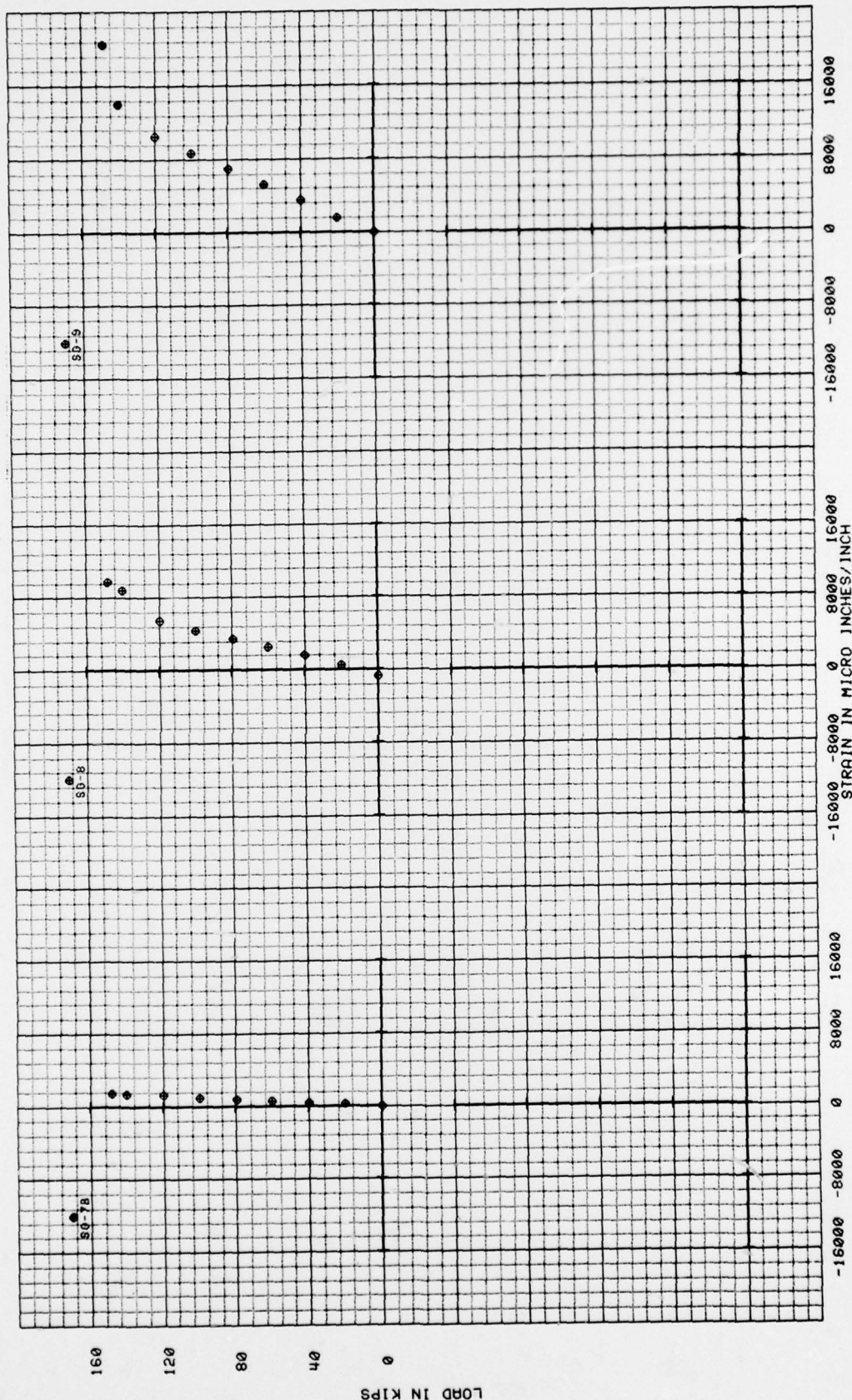


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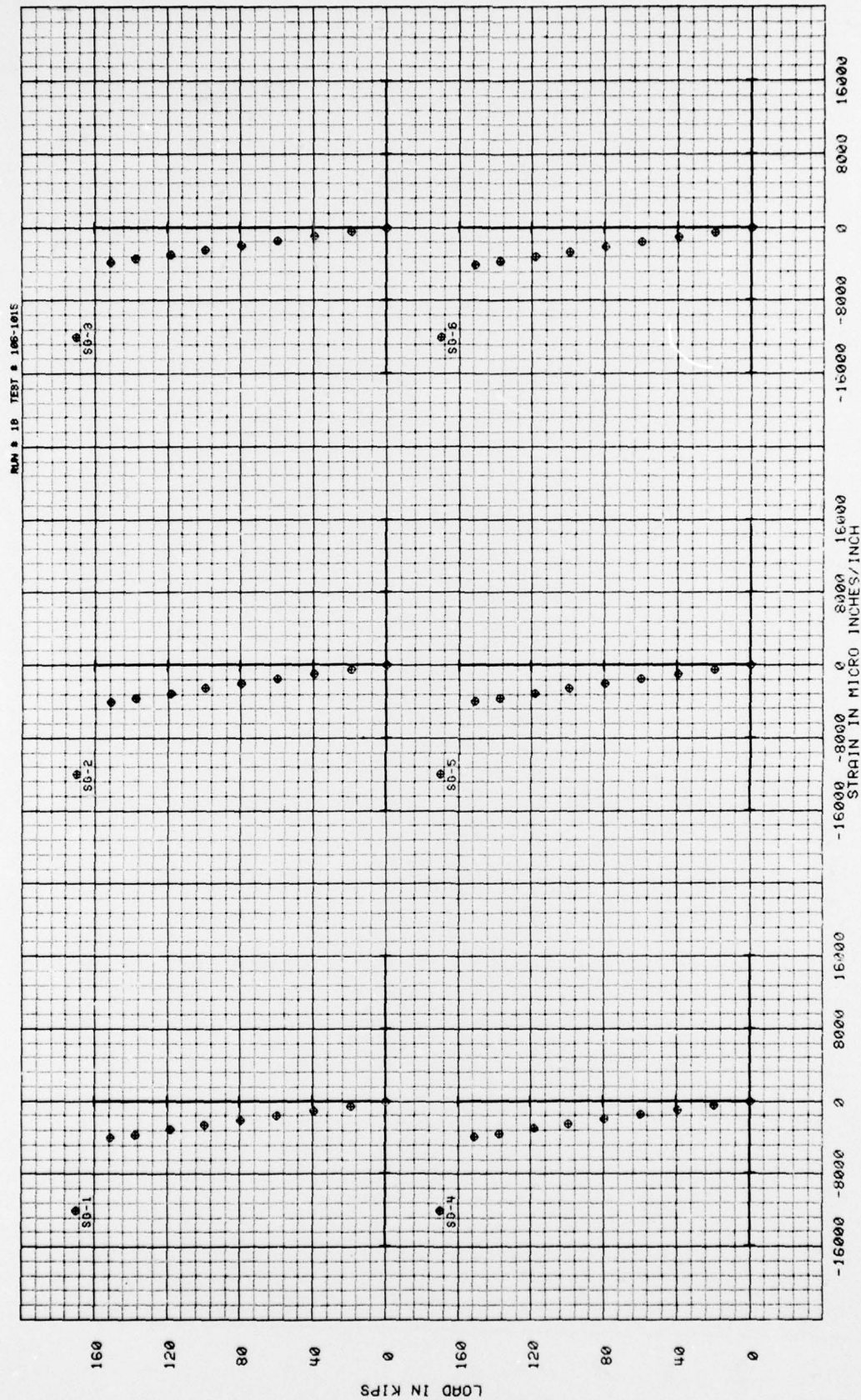


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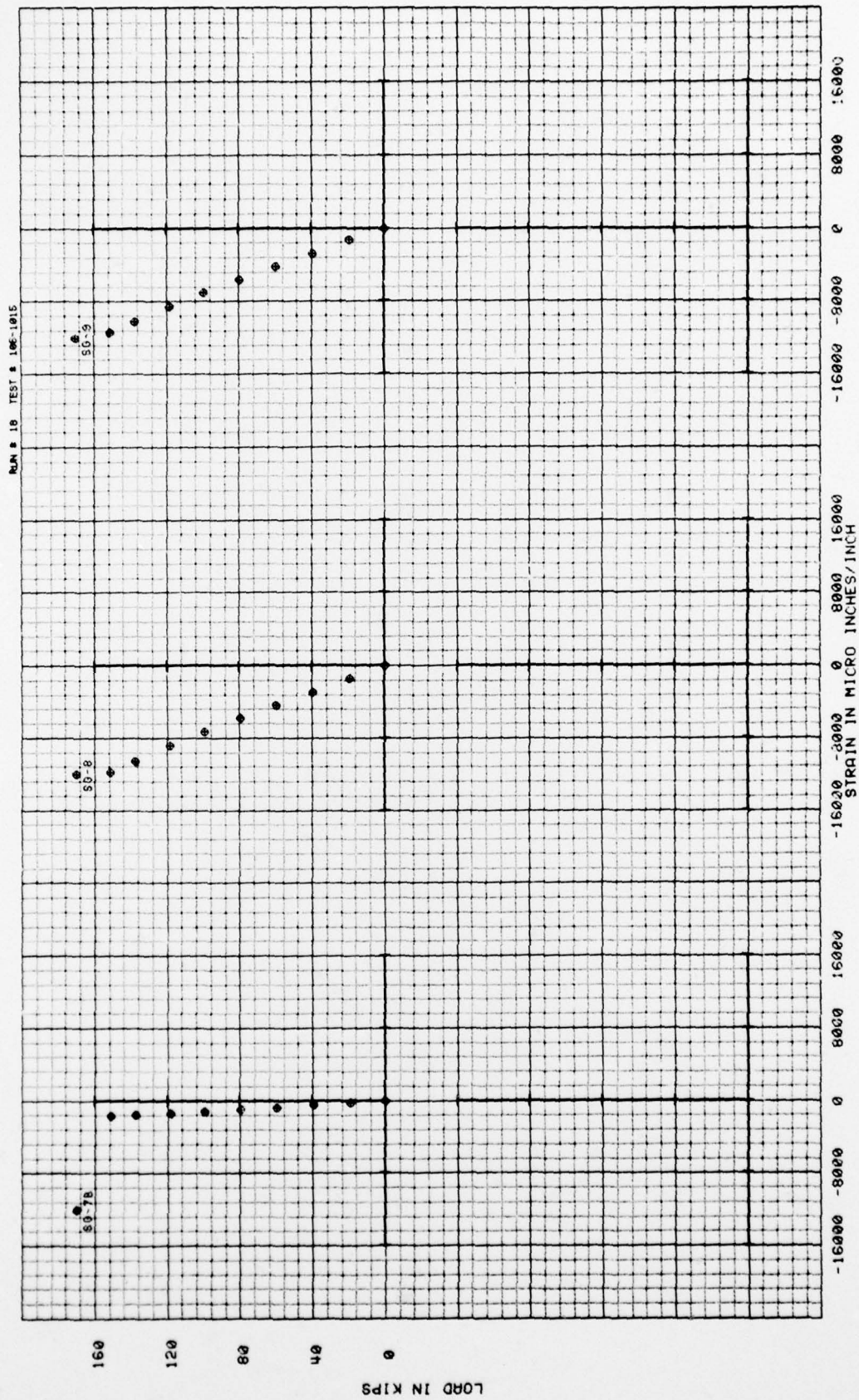


FIGURE B-28 Continued Strain Gage Data 75T060106-1015  
1/2 Laminate Compression



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In this approach, the skin and the repair patch are idealized as bar members interconnected by flexible fasteners. The in-plane shear lag in both the skin and patch is neglected, and it is assumed that the bolt loads produce a state of uniform deformation across the width of the members.

Figure C-1 schematically illustrates the approach for a repair concept with two rows of fasteners on each side of the hole in the skin. The rows are separated by an axial distance of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . Each of the fasteners in Row 1 is loaded in shear by a bearing load  $P_{br1}$ ; likewise, each of the fasteners in Row 2 is acted upon by a bearing load  $P_{br2}$ .

In the skin, the holes in Row 1 and Row 2 undergo an axial displacement of:

$$\delta_{1s} = \frac{a_1}{C_{1s} A_s E_s} \left[ P - n_1 P_{br1} - n_2 P_{br2} \right] \quad (A-1)$$

$$\delta_{2s} = \frac{a_2}{C_{2s} A_s E_s} \left[ P - n_2 P_{br2} \right] - \frac{a_1}{C_{1s} A_s E_s} n_1 P_{br1} \quad (A-2)$$

- P = Applied Load in Skin
- $A_s$  = Cross-Sectional Area of Skin
- $E_s$  = Elastic Modulus of Skin
- $n_1$  = Number of Fasteners in Row 1
- $n_2$  = Number of Fasteners in Row 2

and  $C_{1s}$  and  $C_{2s}$  are the ratios at Rows 1 and 2, respectively of the displacement of an axially loaded strip with a hole of diameter D and the displacement of an unperforated strip.  $C_{1s}$  and  $C_{2s}$  account for the additional flexibility of the skin due to the hole and are given by:

$$C_{1s} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3\pi D^2}{4a_1 W \phi}} \quad (A-3)$$

$$C_{2s} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3\pi D^2}{4a_2 W \phi}} \quad (A-4)$$

where:

$$\phi = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{D}{W}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{D}{W}\right)^4 \quad (A-5)$$

and

D = Diameter of hole in skin  
W = Width of skin

Similarly, the axial displacement of Rows 1 and 2 due to the flexibility of the patch and fasteners is:

$$\delta_{1p} = \frac{a_1 (n_1 P_{br1} + n_2 P_{br2})}{A_p E_p} + \frac{2P_{br1}}{K_{bolt}} + \delta_o \quad (A-6)$$

and

$$\delta_{2p} = \frac{a_2 n_2 P_{br2}}{A_p E_p} + \frac{a_1 n_1 P_{br2}}{A_p E_p} + \frac{2P_{br2}}{K_{bolt}} + \delta_o \quad (A-7)$$

where:

$A_p$  = Cross-sectional Area of Patch  
 $E_p$  = Modulus of Patch  
 $K_{bolt}$  = Bolt Stiffness  
 $\delta_o$  = Initial Fastener Clearance

For repair concepts where a backup plate is used for anchoring the nuts, the cross-sectional area of the plate is simply added to that for the repair patch.

In order for the displacements of the skin and the patch to be compatible, the following condition must be satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{1s} &= \delta_{1p} \\ \delta_{2s} &= \delta_{2p}\end{aligned}$$

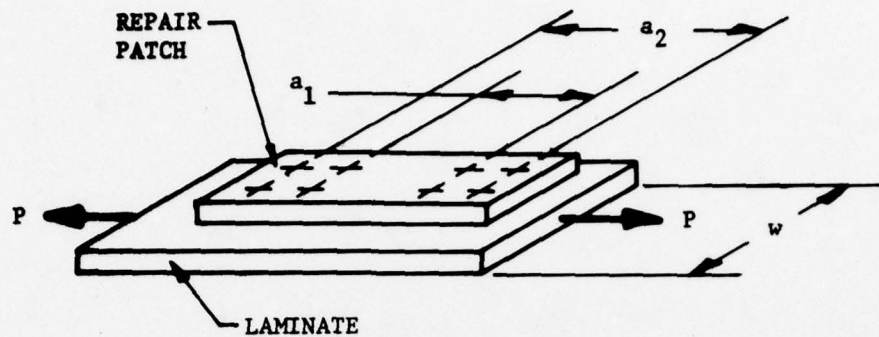
This leads to two simultaneous equations which must be solved for the unknown bearing loads;  $P_{br1}$  and  $P_{br2}$ . Once  $P_{br1}$  and  $P_{br2}$  are known, the maximum strain at the edge of the cutout is found from the equation:

$$\epsilon_{\max} = \frac{(P - n_1 P_{br1} - n_2 P_{br2})}{A_s E_s} K_t \quad (A-8)$$

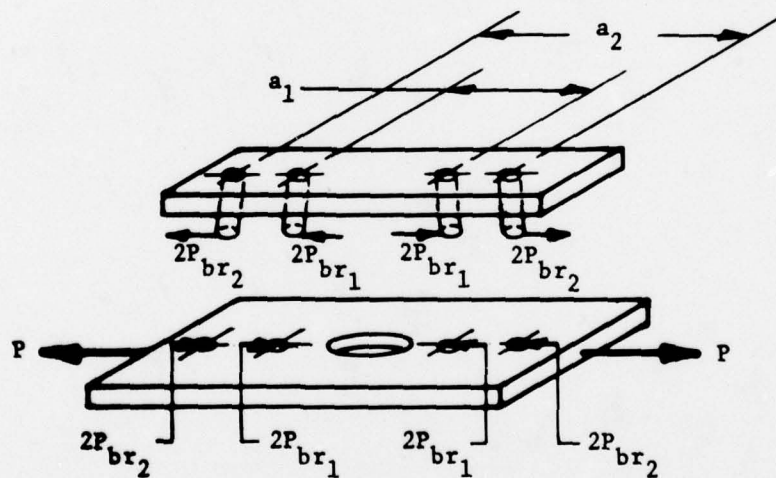
where:  $K_t$  is the stress concentration factor for the hole.  $K_t$  is obtained by combining the theoretical value for a hole in an infinite orthotropic laminate (Ref 2) with the free edge correction factor of Reference (3).

Although the example mathematical derivation was for a repair concept involving two rows of fasteners on each side of the hole, the method can be easily extended to handle any numbers of rows.





REPAIRED SPECIMEN



$P_{br1}$  &  $P_{br2}$  = BOLT SHEAR LOADS

COMPLIANCE MODEL IDEALIZATION

FIGURE C-1 COMPLIANCE METHOD REDUCES ANALYSIS OF REPAIR TO ONE DIMENSION